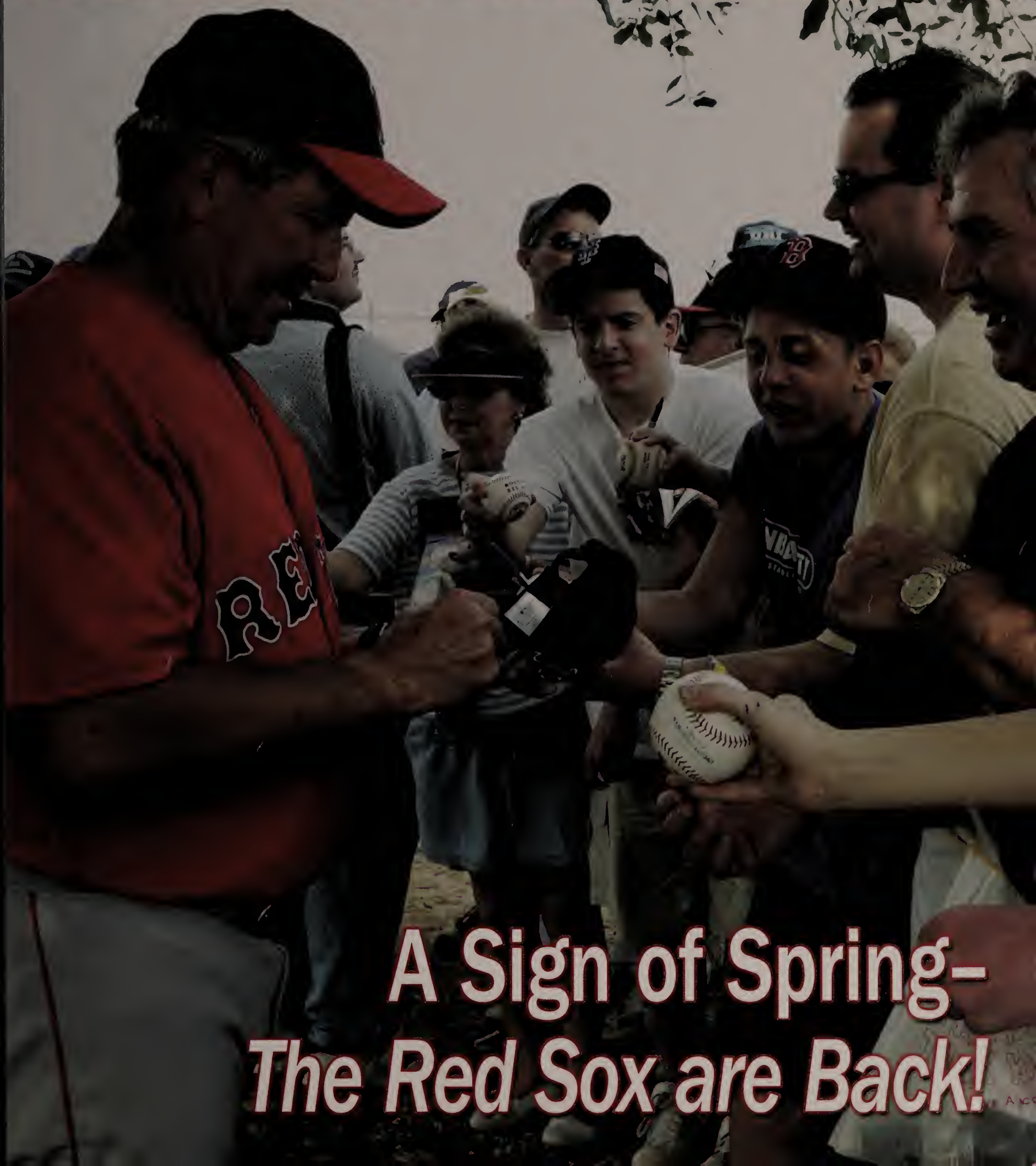


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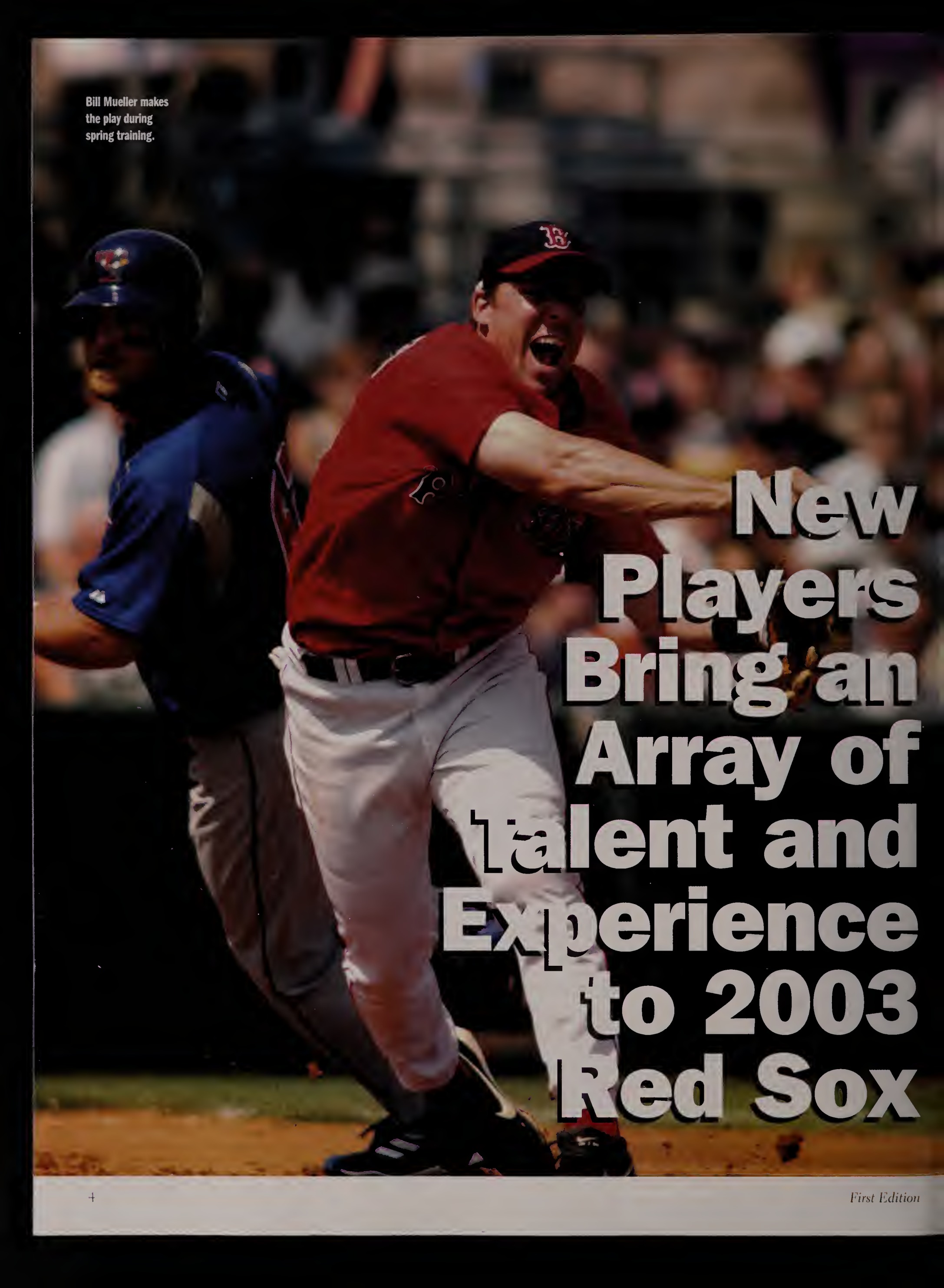
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Bill Mueller makes
the play during
spring training.

New Players Bring an Array of Talent and Experience to 2003 Red Sox

By Ken Nigro

The Red Sox haven't undergone a major player transformation for the 2003 season. After all, you don't go out and drastically shake up the roster following 93 wins.

Still, accumulating enough talent is always an elusive goal for any team. So, the Red Sox did make a series of player moves over the winter, bringing in several new players - some via trades and others through free agency and the Rule 5 draft.

Here is a look at some of the new players wearing Red Sox uniforms in 2003.

Chad Fox

You might find happier players on the Red Sox this season, but Chad Fox has to rank in the top two or three. Fox, you see, used to play for the Milwaukee Brewers.

"When they (the Brewers) called to say they were choosing for us to go our separate ways, it was like Christmas," the 31-year-old righthander recalled. "I was like, 'Thank you, there is a God.'"

Fox received offers from several teams and the logical choice would have been to sign with Houston. He is a Houston native and still makes his home in Texas.

"Houston was the team I wanted to go to because I live there," Fox said.

But Fox was also aware that the Astros already had a pretty strong bullpen. So, when the Red Sox called, there wasn't any hesitation, and it took only a moment to lift the pen and sign a one-year contract.

"Boston is a true baseball town and the Red Sox were looking to do some things with the bullpen, Fox said. "So, I said, 'That's for me.'"



Ryan Rupe



Chad Fox

Fox has great stuff, as evidenced by his remarkable 2001 season with the Brewers. But there is one big hitch and it's the reason Milwaukee released him. He has a deep, dark history of arm problems.

Fox has undergone Tommy John (elbow ligament transplant) surgery twice. He's been on the disabled list for lengthy periods five times since 1998. He didn't pitch at all in 2000 because of a fractured right elbow and was out almost all of last year with a sprained ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow.

But the Red Sox keep looking back to 2001, the year Fox was completely healthy, and they hope.

Fox was not just good for the Brewers in 2001. He was really, really, really good.

Try some of these numbers. Fox finished with a 5-2 record and a 1.89 earned run average. He appeared in 65 games, all in relief and allowed only 44 hits in 66.2 innings. He struck out 80 and walked only 36. The opposing batting average against him was .173.

Those numbers are called dominating.

"This is a guy who could be really good," said Manager Grady Little. "Our number one objective is to keep him healthy."

If Fox is healthy the Red Sox might have come up with a real "sleeper" who could provide a tremendous boost to the bullpen.

Ryan Rupe

If nothing else, the Red Sox have found themselves a true student athlete. Ryan Rupe, who was claimed off waivers from Tampa Bay last November, has an economics degree from A & M and once spent his off-season working for his brother at Cina Energy, a natural gas and crude oil marketing firm in Houston.

But, Rupe, a 28-year-old righthander, can also pitch and is being counted on by the Red Sox to be a fill-in starter and possibly the long man in the bullpen.

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Rupe had spent his whole career with the Tampa Bay organization since being selected by the Devil Rays in the sixth round of the 1988 draft. He moved up the ladder quickly, and on May 3, 1999, became the first Devil Rays draft pick to reach the majors.

Rupe was strictly a starter for the Devil Rays and was in the regular rotation last year before undergoing season-ending right knee surgery in August. He finished with a 5-10 record and a 5.60 earned run average, and allowed 83 hits in 90 innings.

But what was most memorable to Red Sox fans in 2002 was not Rupe's pitching performance but rather his "throwing" performance last May 5. That was the day Rupe hit Nomar Garciaparra and Shea Hillenbrand with pitches. It led to retaliation the next day by Trot Nixon and Frank Castillo. Both Nixon and Castillo received suspensions.

Now, Rupe is a Red Sox teammate and everyone is hoping time has healed the wounds.

"All I care about is that Ryan is feeling good now and throwing the ball good, said Manager Grady Little. "All that other stuff comes with the territory. We're all professionals around here. We know the business

of baseball and Ryan Rupe is a member of the Boston Red Sox now."

Mike Timlin

A good bullpen, no matter how talented, always needs a few experienced pitchers. And, that is an important asset that Mike Timlin brings to the Red Sox.

Timlin, a 37-year-old righthander, has been more than around. In 12 years in the majors, he has pitched for Philadelphia and St. Louis in the National League and Toronto, Seattle and Baltimore in the American League. He has been a closer, saving as many as 31 games for Toronto in 1996 and 27 for the Orioles in 1999. Timlin also has been used as a middle man in the bullpen and as a set-up man.

It is in this latter role that Timlin excelled in last season with the Cardinals and Phillies. He made a career-high 72 appearances, pitched 92.1 innings in relief (he did make one start) and finished with a combined 2.98 earned run average.

It is this kind of versatility the Red Sox were looking for when they restructured their bullpen last winter. Instead of a set closer, the club went after some pitchers who could fill different roles and with pitchers who would not be upset that there might not be a No. 1 closer in the bullpen.

This suits Timlin just fine.

"You have to take care of your job and your job only," Timlin said. "You check your ego at the door. We're in a team sport where everybody's on the same team.

"In my experience, they've worked (the closer-by-committee setup)," Timlin added. "When I was younger, I didn't know how to lose the ego because I wanted to be that person (to close games). But



Ramiro Mendoza

now I've been a set-up guy, I've been a reliever and I've been a closer, so it doesn't matter to me. Absolutely it can work. You just have to have the right attitude and the right personnel."

Ramiro Mendoza

The Red Sox were looking to patch up their bullpen last winter and they checked out quite a few names. In the end, who would have thought they would find just the right person who had been wearing a strange uniform the past seven seasons...the famed New York Yankees pinstripes.

Righthander Ramiro Mendoza, who has three world championship rings, signed a two-year contract with the Red Sox last winter and now is on the other end of the greatest rivalry in sports.

"I'm happy to be with the Red Sox," said the 30-year-old Mendoza. "The Yankees didn't give me arbitration. They gave me nothing. They didn't want me."

The Red Sox surely want Mendoza, not only for the world champion experience he brings but also for his versatility. He can be a set-up man or closer out of the bullpen or even a spot starter if necessary.

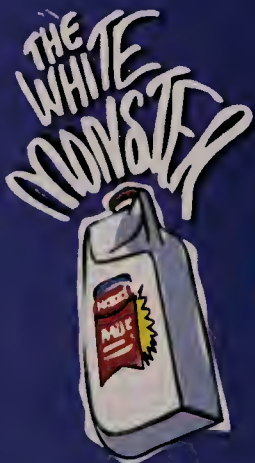


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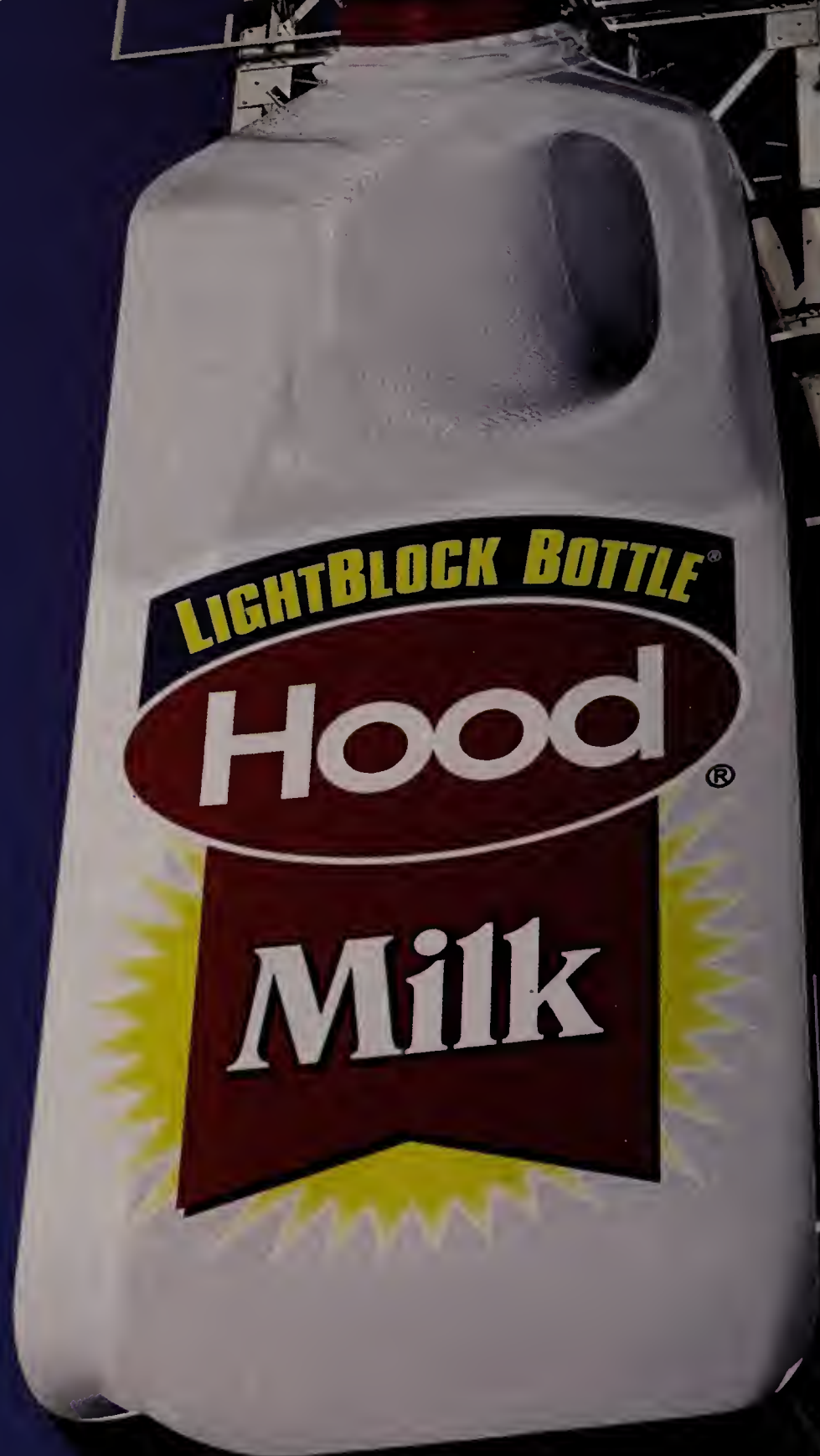
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Bill Mueller

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Bill Mueller (pronounced Miller) is one of those players who goes unnoticed year after year but who received the same reviews from people who have seen him on the baseball field... "hey, that guy can play."

The switch-hitting third baseman has been in the majors for seven years - mostly with the San Francisco Giants - and has a .286 lifetime batting average. Plus, he's a good fielder, as demonstrated by last year's statistics with the Chicago Cubs when he committed just six errors in 104 games at third base.

But, in an era where long home runs and runs batted in are the only things that count, a guy like Mueller will get few rave notices.

"There are a lot of intangibles he has that go thankless," said catcher Doug Mirabelli who was a teammate of Mueller's for the San Francisco Giants from 1996-2000. "The guys who play with him see it but the numbers don't always show it."

So, despite what may seem like ordi-

Mendoza filled all of these roles for the Yankees at one time or another.

Back in 1998 when he compiled a 10-2 record and a 3.25 earned run average, Mendoza made 14 starts. His starts gradually dwindled but not his appearances. He appeared in 56 games with only two starts in 2001, and then last year all 62 of his games were in relief. Mendoza went 8-4 last year and his 91.2 innings of relief were second in the American League.

Mendoza is not unlike starter Derek Lowe. His best pitch is a sinker - a good pitch to have in your arsenal when you're pitching at Fenway Park a lot.

"He can locate his sinker on both sides of the plate," said pitching coach Tony Cloninger. "And, he has what I call a power changeup, a changeup he can strike out guys with. He also changes speed well."

In addition, Mendoza has that one major asset that is not easy to find: he knows what it's like to be with a winner.

"What he brings is experience that none of us has," Lowe said. "He can put those world championship rings in his locker any day."

Lowe wouldn't mind seeing another ring in Mendoza's locker next year.



Todd Walker



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David Ortiz

nary numbers, the Red Sox jumped at the chance to sign Mueller to a two-year contract as a free agent back in January. They saw a solid all-around player who is a winner - over the last six years, teams with whom Mueller has ended the season have finished 118 games over .500.

"I think statistics play a huge role evaluating people as long as you don't get carried with it," said teammate Tim Wakefield. "Some people get carried away with it and don't look at what's inside a person."

Mueller put it another way.

"I would describe myself as an unselfish player, hard-working and good," he said with a smile. "I want to be unselfish and worry about the name on the front of my uniform instead of the back."

What more can a team ask?

Todd Walker

Everyone knows Todd Walker can hit. But the Fenway Park faithful may also discover that their new second baseman can also field.

Walker has somehow been labeled as only an adequate defensive player. He's not supposed to have the glove nor the range that Rey Sanchez had at second base for the Red Sox in 2002. But, take a look at what Walker did at second for the Cincinnati Reds a year ago. He committed only eight errors in 155 games and didn't make a miscue after August 15. He wound up the season leading all National League second baseman in fielding percentage (.989) and putouts (314).

"When Todd Walker was young and first signed with the Minnesota Twins, he had a lot of labels put on him as being a little shaky at his defense at second," said Manager Grady Little. "But you're looking at a guy who played 154 games last year and made eight errors. That's pretty good."

"He's got really good hands and footwork around the bag," added Theo Epstein. "And, he handles throws really well."

Obtaining Walker was one of Epstein's first moves when he was named the Red Sox GM. Epstein called the Reds, where Walker had spent part of 2001 and all of the 2002 season, and quickly worked out a trade. The Reds were eager to cut the payroll, and since Walker was entering the last year of his contract, they accepted two minor leaguers from the Red Sox.

"I knew he (Walker) was a hell of a hitter who was getting better defensively every year," Epstein said. "I felt his swing was custom made for Fenway. He goes the other way very well, and I think a lot of balls he hit for outs in other parks will be doubles or even home runs in Fenway."

Epstein is well aware that the baseball of today is a whole new ballgame. Twenty-five years ago, teams invariably had two or three players who were strictly in the lineup for their defense. The Orioles of the 1970's were a perfect example as shortstop Mark Belanger, centerfielder Paul Blair and catcher Andy Etchebarren were known more for their gloves than their bats. But the game has changed and nowadays, every player in the lineup has to be able to hit.

And, hit, is something the lefty-swinging Walker can do. There are no ifs, ands or buts about his offense. Last year with the Reds, Walker batted .299, collected 199 hits (sixth in the National League) and stroked 42 doubles (fifth in the N.L.). In his last two seasons with the Reds and Colorado Rockies, he has combined for 346 hits, 77 doubles and 139 runs batted in.

Not bad for a second baseman.

David Ortiz

Staying healthy is a big "if" with many players these days. So it is with David Ortiz, the big 27-year-old first baseman who signed as a free agent with the Red Sox this past winter after spending lots of times on the disabled list in four seasons with the Minnesota Twins.

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When healthy, the lefty-hitting Ortiz can flat out hit. In just 125 games for the Twins last season, Ortiz smacked 20 homers, drove in 75 runs and, perhaps, most telling of all, hit 32 doubles. These kind of numbers lead one to ask what this 6-4, 230-pound slugger could do if he was in there every day.

Ortiz was on the disabled list for almost a month in 2002 when he underwent surgery to remove bone chips in his left knee. He also missed two months in both 1998 and 2001 with a fracture of his right wrist.

If the wrist stays completely healed, the Red Sox think his knee will benefit greatly from not having to play on the Metrodome's hard artificial surface. Ortiz was mostly a designated hitter for the Twins last year but figures to see considerable time at first base for the Red Sox.

"I'm not going to tell you I'm one of the greatest (defensively at first base)," Ortiz said. "But I'll keep trying."

The problem with Ortiz at first base, if there is one, may not be so much his defensive ability but rather his limited playing time at the position. In parts of six seasons with the Twins, Ortiz played only 132 games at first base.

Even if Ortiz isn't in the lineup every day, he will be a huge presence in the Red Sox clubhouse. He is affable, fun-loving and outgoing, and already the Twins are saying how much he is missed in the locker room.

But Ortiz also is serious about baseball. He has to be. He grew up in the Dominican Republic (he represented his country in this year's Caribbean World Series and was named most valuable player).

"People just want you to do well, so the intensity is big (in the Dominican)," Ortiz said. "If you don't do well, you're going to hear it from the fans."

Of course, Ortiz could have made this remark about another famous place... Fenway Park.

Jeremy Giambi

Back in the 1940s and 50s, there was talented Dom and the magical Joe. The DiMaggio brothers didn't start the Red Sox-Yankees rivalry but they sure helped keep it going.

Now, 50 years later, the brother act is back. There is the 32-year-old Jason



Jeremy Giambi

Giambi, who plays first base for the Yankees. And, there is 28-year-old Jeremy Giambi, who came to the Red Sox at the end of last year in a trade with the Phillies. Jeremy also will play first base and probably some outfield and DH. And, like Dom DiMaggio, he will be compared to his more famous brother.

"I think Jeremy just needs the opportunity to get 500 at-bats and see how much he can really do," Jason said of his kid brother. "He's really starting to figure it out offensively. If he gets the chance, he can put up some big numbers."

So far, Jeremy still hasn't been given that chance. The most games he has played in in a season is 124, a number he

reached with Oakland in 2001 and with Oakland and Philadelphia last year.

Complicating matters this season is the fact the Red Sox have two other first basemen - David Ortiz and Kevin Millar. Plus, Shea Hillenbrand will also see some action at that position.

But, if somehow Jeremy can get his 500 at-bats, maybe his big brother over at the Yankees will start looking back over his shoulder. This could only add to what already is the greatest rivalry in sport.

Kevin Millar

The sign of a good hitter is not necessarily just home runs and runs batted in. Many scouts and hitting coaches will tell

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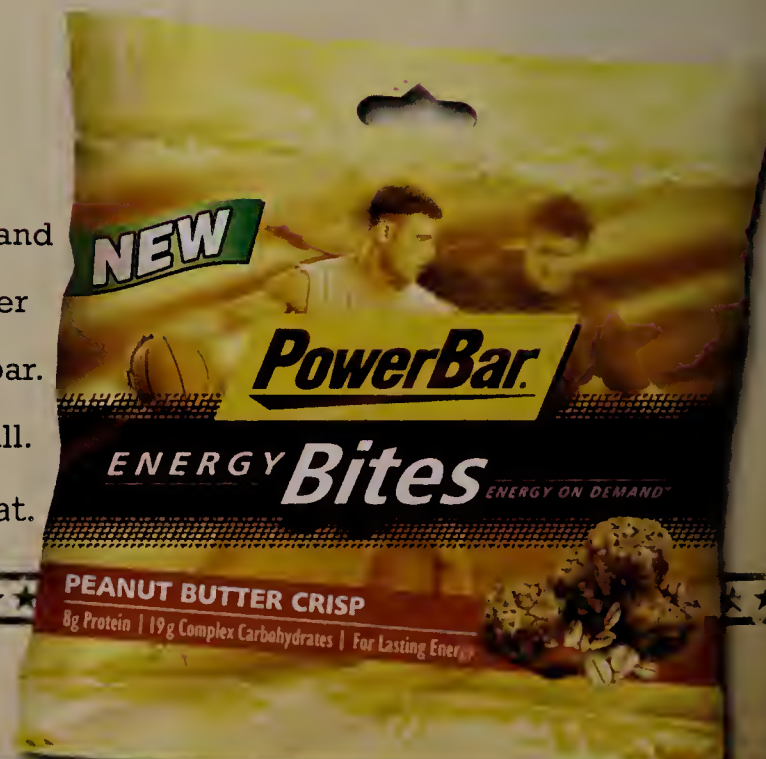
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you to take a look at the number of doubles by a batter. Balls lined into the gap or off the wall are a sign the man at the plate knows how to handle the bat.

For example, take a good look at Kevin Millar's offensive numbers. Millar is the 31-year-old first baseman/outfielder/designated hitter who was acquired from the Florida Marlins in February after it looked like Millar was headed to Japan.

In his last two seasons with the Marlins, Millar compiled batting averages of .314 (144 games) in 2001 and .306 (126 games) in 2002. He also combined for 36 homers and 142 RBI.

While his power numbers may not jump out at you, step back and take a look at those two-base hits. Millar smacked 39 doubles in '01 and came back with 41 last season.

"I won't try to hit 50 home runs. I won't try to do too much. I know what I can do. I have that experience. So, I'm just going to try to hide behind the big boys in the lineup (Nomar and Manny) and have some fun. I don't have a tool box, but I can hit."

Unfortunately, more attention was paid in the off-season as to how the Red Sox acquired Millar than all those doubles he hit. Millar's contract was purchased after the season by the Chunichi Dragons of the Japanese Major League. Millar was all set to go to Japan, realizing the economics of baseball were changing, and there were a lot of players out there who were not being tendered contracts by major league teams.

But once the Red Sox claimed Millar off waivers, he began having second thoughts.

After talks with the Chunichi officials and some delicate negotiations, Millar was returned to the active roster of the Marlins. Florida then traded him to the Red Sox for \$1.5 million (\$300,000 more than the Dragons had paid). It didn't take long for Millar and the Red Sox to agree on a two-year contract.

"It's unbelievable," Millar said after joining the Red Sox. "It's definitely a dream come true and that's the honest to God truth."

The other thing about Millar is that he truly appreciates being in a big league uniform. Millar, you see, was not drafted and



Kevin Millar

began his baseball career with St. Paul of the Independent Northern League. His contract was purchased by the Marlins in 1993, but it wasn't until 1999 that he finally made it to Florida to stay. Being in the Independent League and the minors for so long made him realize that hustle, dedication and doing things for others were just as important as hitting doubles.

For instance, it is probably not widely known that Kevin formed Millar's Stars program in 2001 to benefit Children's Home Society; that he invited kids from Children's Home Society's Emergency Shelter to Sunday afternoon games and provided them tickets and food; that he actively participated in the Marlins' Adopt-A-Classroom program; that he was nomi-

nated for the 2002 *Sporting News* Good Guy Award.

"I went through the back door and I wouldn't have it any other way. I appreciate the game more than anybody after making \$600 a month in the Northern League."

So, expect Millar not only to hit a lot of doubles in his Red Sox uniform but also to do lots of community projects around the Boston area...even though he will be making about 350 times more money than he did in the Northern League. ■



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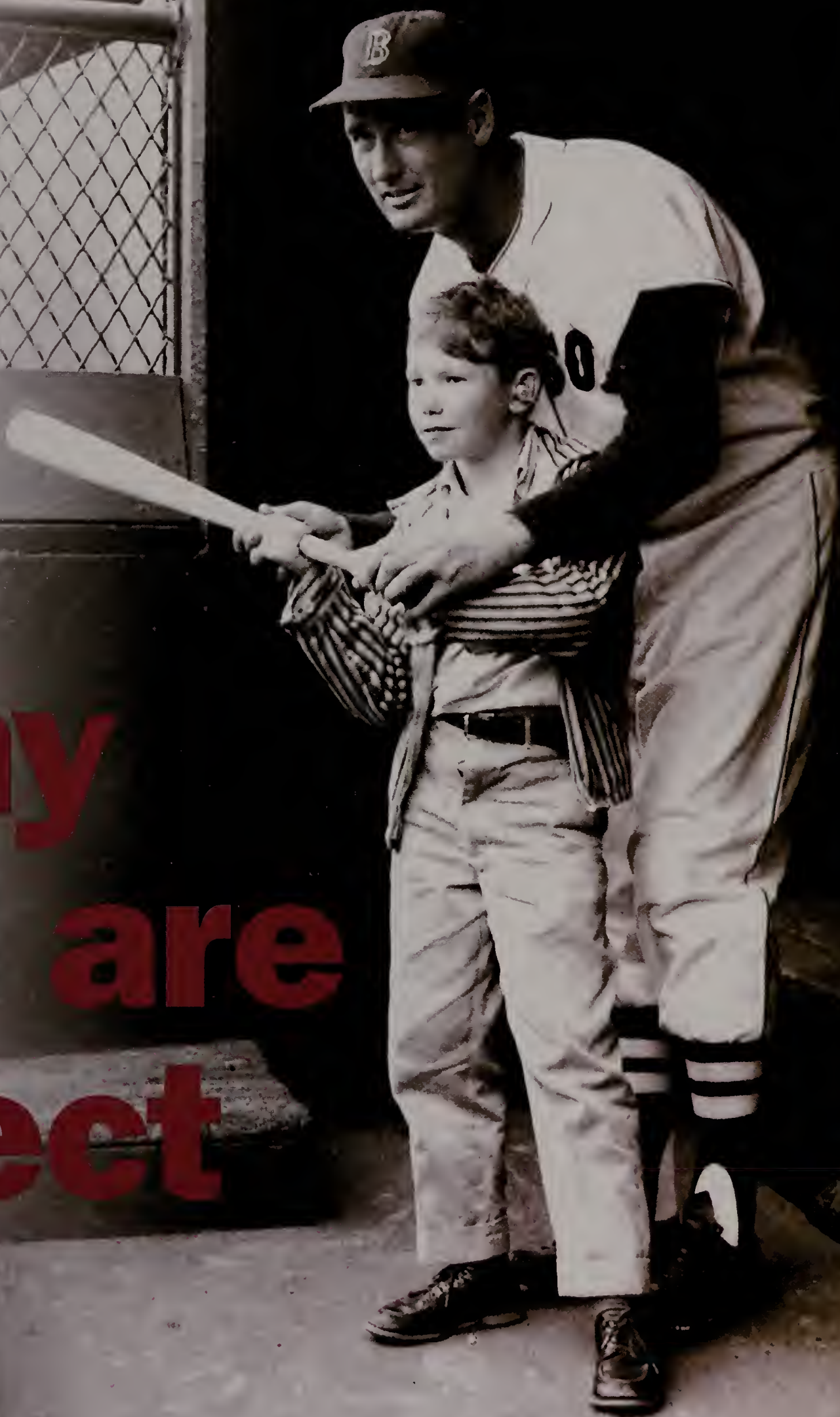


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Ted Williams was the first "soldier" of the Jimmy Fund. He made appearances everywhere on behalf of the charity and made innumerable, yet unheralded, trips to the bedsides of children with cancer to help cheer them up. (Photo courtesy of the Brearley Collection)

Sox, Jimmy Fund are Perfect Pair

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On April 10, 2003, it will be a half-century that the Boston Red Sox and the Jimmy Fund of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute have been together.

OK, it isn't as if they are jointly owned. But let's face it, they have been virtually joined at the hip.

You can't explore the Jimmy Fund-Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, which sits a mere few blocks from Fenway, for very long without seeing reminders of the Red Sox.

Sometimes they are in the form of stirring tributes, such as a heartfelt message from Ted Williams after returning from the Korean War.

"All the bullets and all the bombs that explode all over the world won't leave the impact, when all is said and done, of a dollar bill dropped in the Jimmy Fund pot by a warm heart and a willing hand. You should be proud and happy to know that your contribution will someday help some kid to a



The original Jimmy of the Jimmy Fund turned out to be Einar Gustafson, who as a 12-year-old was treated for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and survived to live to be 65. Officials at the Jimmy Fund did not know of his true identity until 1998, when he came forward just before the 50th anniversary of the radio broadcast that launched the charity. Here he is pictured with a Jimmy Fund founder, George Swartz, a few days after the historic Ralph Edwards broadcast.

better life."

Those were Williams' words on Aug. 17, 1953, and they still hang proudly on a wall at the Jimmy Fund.

There are other reminders of the Red Sox stamp too. Like a treatment room that was dedicated by late Red Sox owner Jean Yawkey and named after Hall of Famer Carl Yastrzemski, who did his share of work for the Jimmy Fund.

There are other days when more tangible evidence of the local baseball team can be seen. For example, a crew of Red Sox personnel brought an early Christmas present to the Jimmy Fund.

We speak not so much of the check the Sox donated that day, but their involved pres-

ence that day at the clinic.

Left-handed reliever Alan Embree, catcher Jason Varitek, utilityman Lou Merloni, manager Grady Little, pitching coach Tony Cloninger, bench coach Jerry Narron and bullpen coach Euclides Rojas arrived in uniform. For good measure, they wore Santa caps.

They joined the kids not just in the playroom, but in the infusion rooms during chemotherapy treatments.

Throughout the decades, there have been numerous visits like this. The reaction doesn't vary much from one Sox appearance to the next.

"Excited isn't even the word. Thrilled. It's something you just can't describe," said Lisa Scherber, the patient activity coordinator at the Jimmy Fund Clinic.

As an example of the effect the Red Sox can have on a patient, Scherber refers to the case of Todd Schwartz, an adolescent who died a month ago.

"He could be having the worst day possible, but if someone came in from the Red Sox, he'd just light up," she said. "If I came in and said I had tickets to the bleachers,



The Jimmy Fund began in 1948 with the help of the Variety Club and the Boston Braves. In a national radio broadcast on May 22, 1948, members of the team visited the bedside of a young boy with cancer dubbed "Jimmy" to protect his anonymity. Contributions poured in from across the country. Here, Braves players (left to right) Johnny Beazley, Phil Masi, an unidentified teammate, and Tommy Holmes, help patients open the deluge.

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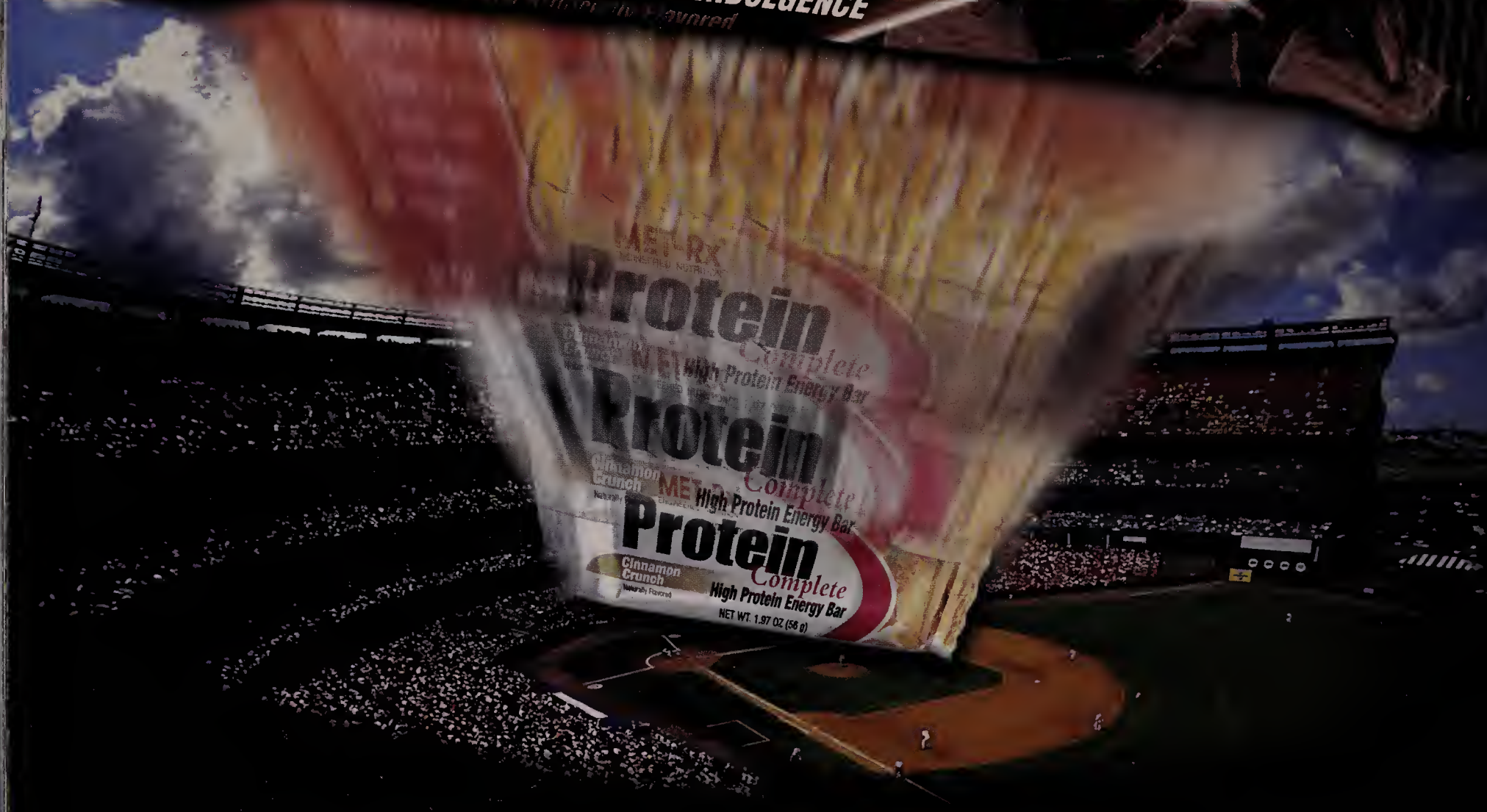
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he'd say, 'Oh, cool!' He'd go in the rain; he'd go in any weather. That's the perfect way to explain these kids. They're kids. They just want to go to a baseball game."

If you can't think of another professional sports team as synonymous with a charity as the Red Sox are with the Jimmy Fund, it's probably because there isn't one.

One of the superstars, if you will, at the Jimmy Fund, is Mike Andrews. Now the chairman of the Jimmy Fund, Andrews was the second baseman for the Red Sox Impossible Dream Team of 1967. He probably has a better feel than anyone for what the team and the charity have meant to each other.

"Go back 50 years ago; the Jimmy Fund was a fledgling charity, and to have New England's baseball team adopt it as their charity — it's impossible to put a value on that," Andrews said.

It was actually the Boston Braves who helped the Jimmy Fund get started. But when they bolted to Milwaukee in 1953, the Red Sox stepped up and have been going strong ever since.

Where would the Jimmy Fund be without the Red Sox?

"I can't even imagine," said Andrews. "It all starts with Ted Williams and his

involvement and [late Red Sox owner] Tom Yawkey. Because those two people were so committed to it, it made all players who walked into the clubhouse become a part of it. Exposure-wise, the value of their message going out over the airwaves and inside the park, it is impossible to put a figure on how much that meant. In my mind, it made it New England's charity. When I first went to work for the Jimmy Fund in 1979, I think we raised about \$800,000. We've raised \$37 million in the last year.

"The Red Sox — it's like they're the thread that have made it all possible."

Ted factor: As much credit as Williams gets for his legendary exploits on the baseball field and in military combat, he probably doesn't get enough for his amazing dedication to the Jimmy Fund.

Williams became involved with the Jimmy Fund before the Red Sox did. When the Jimmy Fund theater collection program began in 1949, Williams personally made sure the canisters would be filled with change.

Who was going to say no to Ted Williams?

"Ted would go out to drive-in theaters and get up on top of the old concession stands at intermission and encourage people



Little Leaguers throughout New England helped collect for the Jimmy Fund in its early years. In the tradition of "kids helping kids," Little Leaguers still have a program to help raise funds.

to give," said Karen Cummings, the Jimmy Fund's associate director for development media.

Williams could also utilize the more gentle approach.

"He went to kids' bedsides all the time without saying anything," said Saul Wisnia, the publications editor-writer for the Jimmy Fund.

So involved was Williams that he was named honorary chairman of the Jimmy Fund in 1956. A timeline put together by the Jimmy Fund says that, "during his five decades associated with charity, [Williams] helps raise countless millions through public and private appeals."

The most striking reminder of Williams within the Dana-Farber Institute building was built in 1995. It is a display case of baseballs called the .406 Club, referring to Williams' average in 1941.

Each baseball in the display is autographed by a benefactor who pledged to donate \$1,000 annually to the Jimmy Fund for five years.

Williams, who died on July 5, 2002, made one last dramatic appearance at the Jimmy Fund in 1999. It was during that visit that he met Einar "Jimmy" Gustafson, the patient who helped launch the Jimmy Fund



In 1953, Red Sox fans could vote for their favorite player with a contribution to the Jimmy Fund in the slot under the player's name with this 10-foot-tall baseball, which was outside the old Hotel Statler in Park Square.

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as a 12-year-old cancer patient in 1948.

They met in 1999 in a playroom at the clinic, where Williams reportedly bellowed out, "Hiya Jimmy baby. Boy, you look great. How'd you get so big?"

Carrying the torch: Yastrzemski didn't merely succeed Williams as the Red Sox leftfielder. He also took Ted's lead and played a strong role in supporting the Jimmy Fund.

When the Red Sox shocked the New England region by winning the 1967 Impossible Dream Pennant, it was at Yaz' suggestion that the Sox donate a full World Series share to the Jimmy Fund.

In the final game of his illustrious career, Yaz changed into a new jersey every inning. The reason? He wanted to donate them all to the Jimmy Fund. Sure enough, a Yaz jersey from that grand finale of Oct. 2, 1983 is proudly displayed on a wall inside the clinic.

On Yaz Day at Fenway, No. 8 wanted only a select few people on the stage for the pre-game ceremony. One seat, at his insistence, was given to a Jimmy Fund patient.

Up close and personal: One of the most compelling aspects of the Red Sox-Jimmy



The Red Sox honored their longtime pitcher and ardent Jimmy Fund supporter Bob Stanley with a special night at Fenway Park to celebrate his long and exemplary baseball career. Bob's wife, Joan; daughters, Kristin and Kerri Ann; and son, Kyle, a one-time Jimmy Fund patient, joined him on the field.

Fund union over the years has been some of the poignant relationships built between patient and player.

Bob Stanley, the Red Sox all-time leader in saves, is nothing short of a legend inside the walls of the Jimmy Fund.

In the mid-1980s, Stanley was told about a patient who was beyond despondent.

"That little boy was terminally ill," Stanley said. "The kid would not leave his room. He had one of his eyes taken out, and



Mo Vaughn escorting his good friend and Jimmy Fund patient Jason Leader onto the field to throw out the ceremonial first pitch before a game at Fenway.

he was embarrassed. I brought him one of my jerseys and a Jim Rice bat. I sat with him for about a half hour. Later on, the doc said 'I don't know what you said to that little boy, but he's running down the hallways with your jersey on.' That made me feel good."

Inevitably, bad news came shortly after.

"A month later," said Stanley, "I talked to his parents, and they told me he passed away. And they said, 'We buried him with your jersey.'"

In a cruel twist of fate, Stanley's son, Kyle, was diagnosed with cancer five years later. It was January of 1990, just three months after Stanley had thrown his final major league pitch, when he received the chilling news.

"Kyle had the same cancer as that boy I gave my jersey to. He had a sinus tumor. Now that it was five years later, the procedures were more advanced and the doctor gave him a 50-50 chance. The good 50 won."

Now, 12 years later, Kyle Stanley is a healthy senior at Providence College.

"In the 1986 World Series, I was praying to be the hero," said Stanley, whose infamous wild pitch in Game 6 turned the tide



Easy-going and very friendly, Red Sox pitcher Tim Wakefield is a favorite with the children in the Jimmy Fund Clinic. Here he shakes hands with Jonathon Walker during a 2002 visit.



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of a Series won by the Mets. "He didn't answer my prayer there, but when my son was sick, he did. And that's more important than any baseball game."

Stanley is still involved in helping the Jimmy Fund, though he no longer pays surprise visits to the clinic.

"That's because the kids don't know who the hell I am anymore," quipped Stanley. "I'll leave that to Nomar and the boys."

More recent heroes: In the decade-plus since Stanley's retirement, several Red Sox players have played big roles. In April of 1994, Mo Vaughn called a young patient named Jason Leader and promised him he'd hit a homer that night. Vaughn delivered in Ruthian fashion. A few weeks later, Vaughn stood next to his new friend as Leader threw out the first ball at Fenway.

Vaughn would end up attending Leader's funeral and has maintained a close relationship with the parents ever since.

Perhaps the most unfailingly giving player during those years, however, was Vaughn's close friend and teammate, John Valentin.

"The best I've seen in my 12 years here was John Valentin," said Scherber. "He was beyond fabulous."

Valentin and the Red Sox parted ways following the 2001 season, but others have picked up the slack.

Nobody more than knuckleballer Tim



During a 1999 visit to the Jimmy Fund Clinic, longtime Jimmy Fund supporter Ted Williams (right) greets Jason Adams (left) as Einar "Jimmy" Gustafson looks on. Adams passed away of leukemia the following spring. (Boston Herald/Garo Lachinian photo)

Wakefield.

"Wakefield is a natural," said Scherber. "The kids light up to him."

However, Wakefield feels he gets more than he gives.

"I don't do it for satisfaction," said Wakefield. "I do it more for the kids. But on a selfish note, it kind of keeps me humble. I realize how lucky I am to put on my uniform on a daily basis. These kids are fighting for their lives on a daily basis. We can't do

enough to help these kids. It's nice that the doctors say when you go in there that it brightens their day or puts a smile on their face."

The legacy lives: The folks at the Jimmy Fund aren't shy about saying that they were nervous when the Red Sox were put up for sale in October, 2000. Who's to say that the new owners would be as dedicated to the Jimmy Fund as the Yawkey regime?

However, the Jimmy Fund got a big



Nomar Garciaparra and Xavier Lugo, the "New Jimmy," pose together in the Red Sox dugout. Xavier joined Einar Gustafson during the original "Jimmy's" return to Boston in May 1998 to throw out the ceremonial first pitches before a game at Fenway.



While the Jimmy Fund is most often associated with helping children with cancer, the charity has also supported cancer research and care for adults since 1969 so it's appropriate that Red Sox players also visit adult patients. In 1996 players (left to right) Mark Brandenburg, Scott Hatteberg, Eric Gunderson, Stan Belinda and Joe Hudson, donned masks and gloves to visit John L. Sgambato, who was recovering from a bone marrow transplant. Still a Red Sox fan, Sgambato is from Warwick, R.I.



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break when the Red Sox franchise was awarded to the ownership group of John W. Henry, Tom Werner and Larry Lucchino.

One of the first announced missions of the Henry-Werner-Lucchino regime was to be ambassadors for the community. A large part of that is continued work with the Jimmy Fund.

It isn't as if the owners had to be sold on the Jimmy Fund. Lucchino, the Red

Sox president/CEO, was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 1985. Though he was living in Baltimore then and working for the Orioles, he chose to receive his treatment at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. He knows first-hand what a special facility it is.

In a first-person article written for a Jimmy Fund publication, Lucchino said, "One of the first things John Henry and I did on the morning after our group got Major League Baseball approval to buy the Red Sox was visit the Jimmy Fund Clinic. I wanted to reestablish immediately my personal connection and to introduce John to the people and personalities there. If you're

not touched by what goes on at the clinic, you're not truly alive."

And still alive and well almost half a century later is the bond between the Red Sox and the Jimmy Fund.

"I'm just so grateful for the response of the new ownership," said Andrews. "We have just been overwhelmed with the support that John Henry, Tom Werner and Larry Lucchino and the entire staff have given us." ■

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Former Red Sox John Valentin was very active in supporting the Jimmy Fund, both by visiting and befriending children being treated at the Jimmy Fund Clinic and by making appearances on behalf of the Jimmy Fund. Valentin is pictured here with Chris LaPietra, who is now an active teenager.



Yanina Zonia, 3, received holiday cheer from Red Sox Manager Grady Little and Wally the Green Monster at the Jimmy Fund Clinic.



Justin Robinson, 16, (center), of Auburn, ME, is visited by Wally, Jason Varitek, Tony Cloninger, Grady Little and Euclides Rojas.



Members of the Red Sox visited the Jimmy Fund Clinic on December 10 to visit with the youngsters, spread some cheer and present a check from the Red Sox Foundation for \$63,753.78. Jimmy Fund Chairman Mike Andrews accepted the check with help from Jimmy Fund Clinic patients (clockwise from top right): Kevin Rauccio (with Jason Varitek), Jack Mayer (with Lou Merloni), Julia Levine, Nicole Petrucci, Caitlynn McGaff, Michael Shelly and Justin Robinson.

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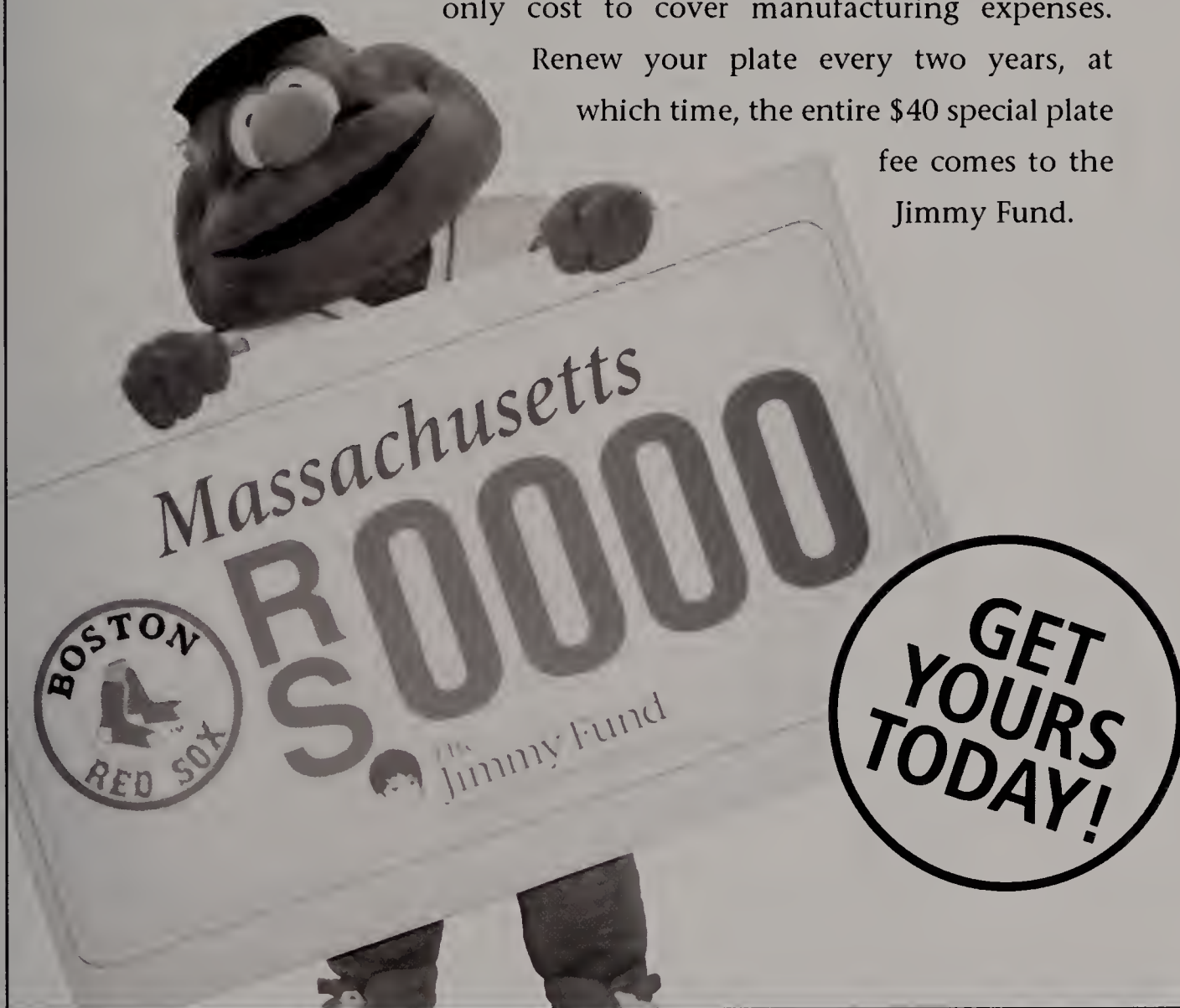


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Fans received a sneak preview of the Red Sox uniforms in February as Tim Wakefield, new 1B Coach Dallas Williams and Grady Little unveiled the new look at a fashion show held at the Atrium Mall in Chestnut Hill.

Red Sox players, manager and coaches are sporting a new look during batting practice and selected home games in 2003.

The new apparel includes red socks, a red batting practice jersey together with a blue-crowned cap with a red button and red bill (also to be worn during spring training games), and a red game jersey to be worn on occasional home games. Both jerseys have navy blue lettering; last names will appear on only the "BP" jersey. New red jackets and fleeces will serve as outerwear over the jerseys. Red t-shirts or turtlenecks will be worn with all jerseys.

"These changes preserve the tradition of the Red Sox' primary uniforms while offering a few new touches," Executive Vice President/Business Affairs Mike Dee said. "The alternate jersey, which emphasizes the club's association with the color 'red,' will be used sporadically throughout the season."



RF Trot Nixon in full regalia in spring training.

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Sully, as he was known throughout baseball, died suddenly at the age of 72 February 12 in Fort Myers, FL. He was a big man, 6'4", with a deep voice. "Do something," was the way he ended his phone calls to the office staff. Sincerity and loyalty were trademarks, with his family, friends and the Red Sox employees.



The young executive conferring with Mgr. Dick Williams and General Mgr. Dick O'Connell in 1967.

Haywood was a true baseball person. "Throw the ball, hit the ball, catch the ball," just play the game all-out at your greatest ability. That was what he believed. "I came from nothing," he stated in 1994 after his retirement from the Red Sox. "I was a player in a time when you didn't ever go up to the front office. I moved along as a coach and a manager. But never in my wildest dreams did I feel I would be involved in ownership."

As a youngster in Dothan, AL he was a three-sport high school standout who

First Edition



Haywood holding court with the Boston scribes during 1980s spring training.

accepted a scholarship to play football and baseball at the University of Florida. A top pro prospect as a quarterback and catcher (all-conference in both sports) Sully signed a bonus contract with the Red Sox, who outbid the Yankees and several other teams, in June 1952.

He served in the army for two years, joined the Red Sox in 1955 and played in 60 major league games over parts of four seasons (1955-57-59-60). His playing career was curtailed due to back problems that required disc surgery in 1958. From 1961-63 he played in 252 games for the Kansas City A's before retiring to become a minor league manager. In 1965 he moved to the majors to manage a rookie-laden Kansas City team and left at year's end to rejoin the Red Sox as vice president of player personnel, at age 35 one of baseball's youngest top executives. Sully ran the Red Sox scouting department from 1973-77 before he became part of the club's ownership group with Mrs. Jean R. Yawkey and Buddy LeRoux in 1978. On November 23, 1993 Sully sold his interest in the Red Sox to the JRY Corporation, headed by John Harrington.

The Red Sox won the 1967, 1975 and 1986 American League pennants during Haywood's tenure plus East Division titles in 1988 and 1990. In 1981 he was named the A.L.'s top executive by United Press International as well as the Boston Baseball Writers Association. He served on many of baseball's important committees and was the first former player to be elected for a four-year term on the Major League Executive Council (1978-82 and 1988-92).

"In his role as an owner and executive with the Red Sox, Haywood was an instrumental and guiding force during many of the



With Mrs. Yawkey at the naming of Yawkey Station near Fenway Park in 1990.

most memorable seasons in the history of the franchise," said Sox President/CEO Larry Lucchino. "We owe him our gratitude for his many efforts that led to the growth of our beloved Red Sox franchise."

"He certainly was one of the great baseball executives of our generation," said Commissioner Bud Selig. "He and I went through an awful lot together. I'm saddened. It's a loss for baseball and the Boston Red Sox."

"Haywood touched so many people's lives and had a great impact on the success of both the Red Sox and Major League Baseball," former owner John Harrington stated. "I have only the greatest respect and fondness for Haywood. We worked closely together for so many years and he became a dear friend."

When Sully passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack on February 12, it was a great shock to his family and many friends in and out of baseball. To them he was indestructible. He was in good spirits that sunny, warm day in Fort Myers and was working with his oldest son, Marc (who caught for the Red Sox between 1982-87) and his younger brother Gerry. Amazingly he suddenly dropped to the ground. Just like that, a wonderful man was gone. ■

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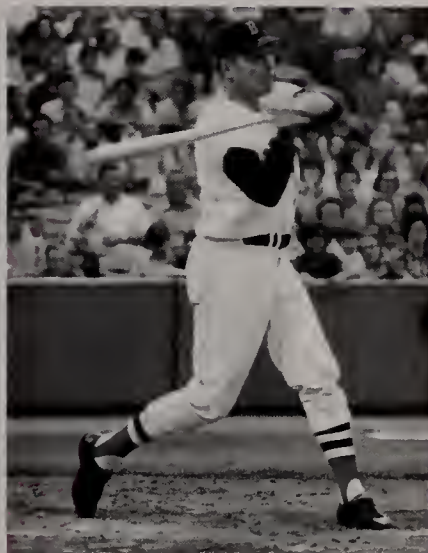
In March 1957 preparing to go fishing with teammate Ken Aspromonte.



With son, Marc, in 1985



The Sullivan Family.



Sully taking a few swings during an old-timers' game at Fenway Park.



Johnny Pesky (center) and Jack Rogers unveil Haywood's No. 30 during the 1994 retirement party for Sully.



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In the broadcast booth for NESN is Don Orsillo and former Red Sox 2B Jerry Remy teaming up for their third season together. Don, originally from Medford, MA, also announced Pawtucket Red Sox games on radio from 1996-2000. Somerset, MA native Jerry, is in his 16th season supplying the color commentary for NESN. When the Sox are on UPN 38 or WBZ 4, 15-year Sox veteran announcer Sean McDonough will join Remy in the booth to call the action.



(Left) Tewksbury, Rodgers, Eckersley and Caron;
(Above) Rice; Horn

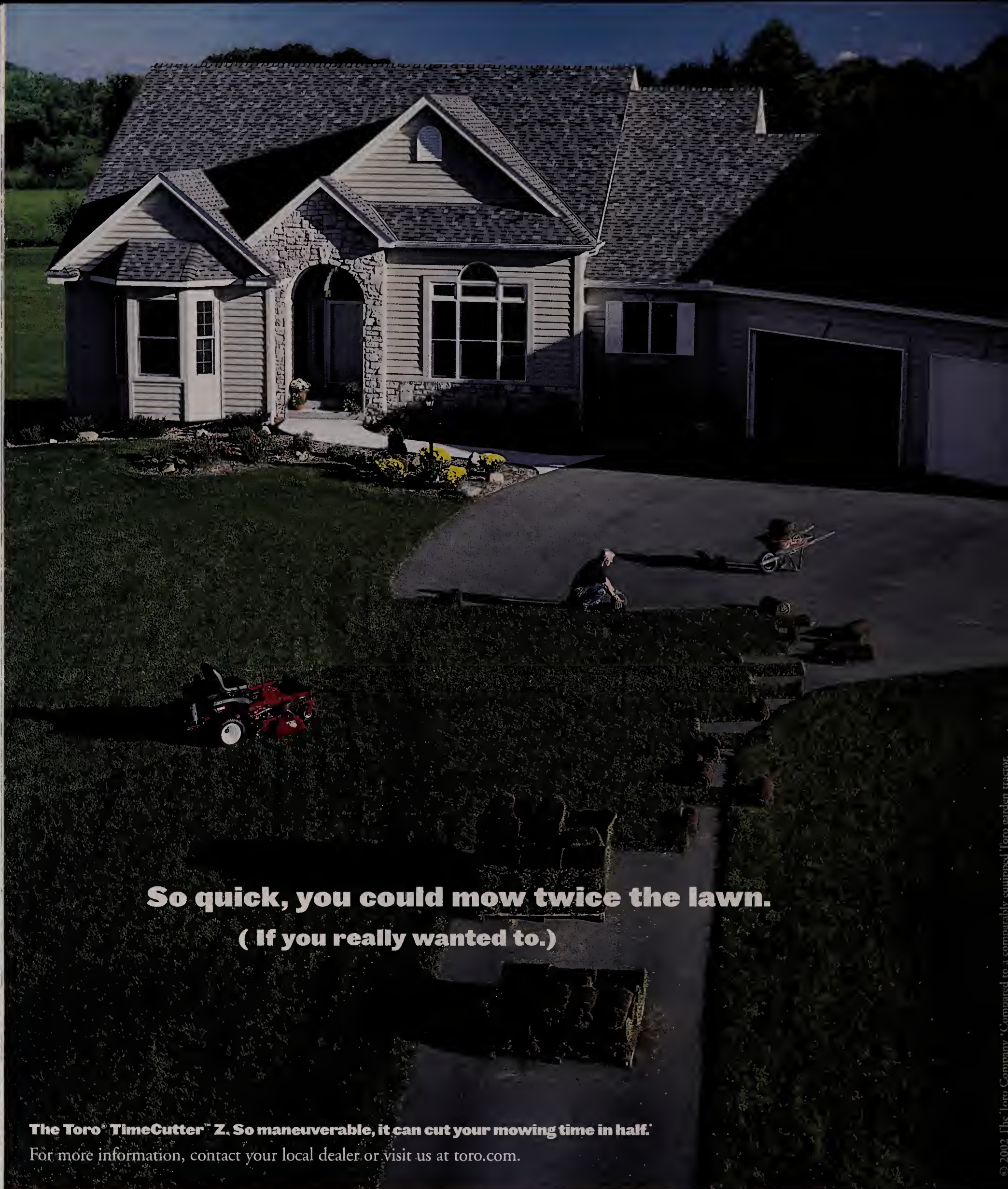
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NESN will once again provide complete coverage of the Red Sox with the network's half-hour pre-game show *The Boston Globe Pre-Game Report* and the popular post-game show *W.B. Mason Extra Innings*.

Bob Rodgers is in his eighth season as NESN's Red Sox studio host. He will be joined by a rotating group of all-star analysts that include former major

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J.P. Villaman (right) has returned for his sixth season as the play-by-play announcer on Red Sox Spanish Radio and has been joined by newcomer Uri Berenguer. Villaman, a local sports talk show host was the winner of the "Circulo Dorado" this year, an award given for excellence. Berenguer, a former Jimmy Fund patient, is the nephew of former major league pitcher Juan Berenguer.



Red Sox Hall of Fame pitcher Luis Tiant, a veteran of 19 big league seasons, eight with the Sox, has returned this season to the Spanish Radio booth.

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Plymouth	WPHN	1300 AM
Portsmouth	WGIN	930 AM
Portsmouth	WGIP	1540 AM

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Keene	WZDK	1290 AM
Concord	WKXL	1450 AM
Hillsboro	WKXL	107.7 FM
Littleton	WLTN	1400 AM
Berlin	WMOU	1230 AM
New London	WNTK	99.7 FM
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Nashua	WSMN	1590 AM
Newport	WNTK	1020 AM

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City	Station	Frequency
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Biddeford	WIDE	1400 AM
Farmington	WKTJ	99.3 FM
Skowhegan	WSKW	1160 AM
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Fairfield	WCTB	93.5 FM
Norway	WTBM	100.7 FM
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City	Station	Frequency
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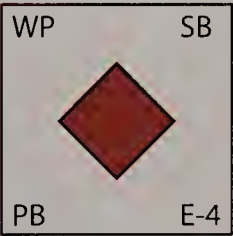
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Catcher 2	Third Baseman 5	Center Fielder 8
First Baseman 3	Shortstop 6	Right Fielder 9

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Double ==	Hit by PitcherHP	BalkBK
Triple ===	Wild PitchWP	Struck OutK
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2003 BOSTON RED SOX SEASON SCHEDULE

MARCH / APRIL

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JUNE

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N 8 MIL 2:05		N 10 STL 7:05	N 11 STL 7:05	N 12 STL 7:05	38 13 HOU 7:05	N 14 HOU 7:05
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N 10 BAL 2:05	N 11 OAK 10:05	N 12 OAK 10:05	N 13 OAK 10:05	N 14 OAK 3:35	38 15 SEA 10:05	F 16 SEA 4:05
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A close-up observation of the new Green Monster seats structure from inside Fenway.



Home Improvements

FENWAY PARK HAS A NEW LOOK IN 2003

by Rod Oreste

Who knew? Who knew in 1912, when Red Sox owner John I. Taylor built Fenway Park, it would become baseball's equivalent of the Promised Land? Who knew that Fenway Park would become a national sports icon? Ninety-one years

later, she is the Grande Dame of ballparks. Today's new ballparks aspire to capture the mystique and character that make Fenway Park an American original. Today, Fenway Park is a family heirloom. Memories and experiences are passed down from genera-

tion to generation and live inside the "lyric little bandbox." Fenway Park is a passageway to baseball's past - a place where time stands still.

In 1912, Fenway Park was a state-of-the-art stadium - the first steel-and-concrete structure of its kind. The new home of the 1912 Red Sox provided fans with all the modern amenities and comforts that a Major League Baseball stadium could have. Through the years, Fenway Park has evolved due to several restoration projects. The largest project was in 1934 when Tom Yawkey rebuilt the left-field grandstands (the original section had burned in a 1926 fire and was never replaced) and replaced and



The famous Duffy's Cliff in left field in earlier years.



Construction on the left-field wall and the center-field message board during the winter of 1975-76.

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FENWAY RENOVATIONS, cont.

The demolition of the Fenway Park press box above the home plate grandstand made way for the addition of the 600 Club during the 1988-89 off-season. A new press box and broadcast booths were built on top of the Club.

all convenience. Through it all, Fenway Park, Major League Baseball's smallest ballpark, remains a rock. And once again, Fenway Park is in need of improvements to meet market demands and increase revenue. The Red Sox ownership group headed by John Henry, Tom Werner and Larry Lucchino, is committed to preserving all that is good about Fenway Park while taking the fan experience to new levels of warmth and hospitality. The opening of the Yawkey Way concourse was a step in this direction as it relieved the congestion in the indoor concourse under the grandstands as well as

expanded the wooden stands in center field with concrete bleachers. In addition, Yawkey leveled the playing field by digging up Duffy's Cliff in left field, a steep grassy incline that rose in front of the left-field wall was roped off for overflow crowds on special occasions. The hill tormented opposing left fielders and was nicknamed after Red Sox left fielder Duffy Lewis who mastered climbing the hill to catch fly balls. Yawkey also rebuilt the old wooden left-field fence with a 37-foot steel and concrete wall to compensate for the short distance from home plate. The wall later became known as the Green Monster, Fenway's trademark. During the Yawkey family's 69-year Red Sox ownership, Fenway Park was updated several times over the years. Some other updates were the addition of the bullpens in right field in 1940, painting the left-field wall green and the installation of arc lights in 1947, roof box seats in 1961, Fenway's first center-field message board in 1976 and the 600 Club (now the 406 Club) in 1989. Also in 1976, the left-field scoreboard was rebuilt to display only the American League scores to accommodate the league's expansion and National League scores were shown on the center-field message board.

As new major league stadiums rise around the country, there is a much higher demand for more amenities, seats and over-



Above Right: Lansdowne Street cordoned off in preparation for the upcoming groundwork.

Below Right: A street level view from Lansdowne St.



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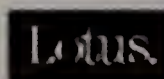
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added more amenities and increased menu options for families in an outdoor environment. Fans can continue to use Yawkey Way as part of the ballpark concourse on game days this season. The main objectives behind the Fenway Park improvements are simple: add more seats, create more space and provide more game information.

On January 14, 2003, the club held a "Fenway Feedback Session" with fans and received positive feedback on the concept of seats atop the Green Monster. "It made us feel like it wasn't nearly as sacred as perhaps we ourselves had approached it initially," said architect Janet Maric Smith, Red Sox vice president for planning and development. "With fewer than 300 seats up there, it's hardly a gesture toward changing the capacity or the ambience. They're meant to be for fun." The 280 "Green Monster" seats are cantilevered over Lansdowne Street.

Baseballs that were once offerings for the 23-foot screen over the left-field wall are now potential souvenirs for fans with seats on one of the most revered monuments in all of sports. The Green Monster seats proved to be in popular demand when they went on sale for the first time on Saturday, March 1. Between group sale and single-game purchases, the Green Monster seats sold out for the entire 2003 season in one day. Over 16,000 tickets were sold as 1,478 fans made their way to the Fenway Park Ticket Office for the sale. The Red Sox will also make 24 Green Monster standing-room tickets available for day of game sale only at Fenway Park for all home games beginning with the April 29 game against the Kansas City Royals.

In addition to the Green Monster seats, the club added more seats on the field this season as well. After adding two rows of

Dugout Seats in 2002 on each side of the field, the club connected the two rows by adding 87 Home Plate Seats and 133 new Dugout Seats on the first-base and third-base sides of the dugouts. The Home Plate Seats, available exclusively on a season basis, sold out before they went on the market as a result of the waiting list for Dugout Seats in 2002. The majority of new Dugout Seats have also sold out.

In addition, the area underneath the center-field and right-field grandstands has been expanded. Fans can now use 25,000 more square feet of concourse space and will enjoy 18 more concession stands. The club also added 100 restroom fixtures and new water fountains as well. "Fans in the outfield need more space to mill around," said Larry Lucchino, Red Sox president and CEO. "As we clear storage and service elements from the bleachers concourse and move them to the outfield parking garage located behind it, we liberate useful space that decongests the concourse and gives us room for badly-needed restrooms and concessions. It is important to us to improve the ballpark experience of the fans who buy the \$10, \$15 and \$20 tickets."

Red Sox fans at Fenway Park now receive even more game information during home games than ever before as the Red Sox significantly augmented the scoreboard system. First, the National League scoreboard has returned to Fenway Park. In storage since 1976, the club has returned it to its home on the left-field wall. Once again, fans can stay up to date on all of Major

A crane operator digs up the sidewalk while other workers move pipes and prepare the steel beams that will support the Green Monster seats.



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League Baseball's scores from the left-field wall. In addition, there is a pair of new companion scoreboards sponsored by Fleet above the left-center-field bleachers that allow fans to be more into the game. A "Pitchers Board" provides the type of pitch, speed, pitch count and other information, while a "Hitters Board" displays appropriate "inside baseball" information such as a player's batting average versus the opposing club, pitcher or in a particular situation.

"All of these touch-ups are designed to make the place more comfortable and more livable while we ultimately move down the road toward a conclusion regarding the park's long-term future," Lucchino said. "We must be sure to discern the difference between obvious, simple, short-term improvements and an ultimate, well-scrutinized, over-all renovation process. We are still a considerable distance from developing a master plan that will allow us to make that critical decision." All in all, like all old theaters, Fenway Park has undergone many renovations over time. But the playing surface, Fenway's stage, has remained unchanged. This is the same field that Babe Ruth, Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski and a seemingly endless list of baseball legends came to perform. Grandparents take their grandchildren to Fenway Park and show them the exact seats they sat in as children for their first game. Parents point out where Carlton Fisk waved fair his game-winning home run in Game 6 of the '75 World Series. The improvements to Fenway Park maximize the comfort level and fan experience but more importantly, make America's most beloved ballpark a viable home for the Olde Towne team in modern times. ■



A look inside the Green Monster.



Workers were busy during the cold winter months removing old steel, preparing the ironwork for the pouring of the concrete and pouring the cement for the new home plate and dugout seats.



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A GAME-BY-GAME TIMELINE OF THE BOSTON AMERICANS' 1903 SEASON: APRIL

by Bill Nowlin

APRIL 20: The regular American League season opened on April 22, one week after the NL. However, because Patriots' Day fell on Monday, April 20 the Boston Americans were given special dispensation to launch with a separate-admission doubleheader against the Philadelphia Athletics with games set for 10:30 AM and 3:00 PM. There were actually four major league games in Boston that day, since the Boston Nationals hosted their league's club from the City of Brotherly Love for two games as well. "Each Boston Club Gets but Half the Holiday Loaf" headlined *The Herald*. The Americans attracted 8,376 to the morning match and 19,282 to the afternoon game (the largest crowd to ever attend a baseball game in Boston), while the Nationals drew 1,827 and 8,867 respectively. In both cases, the smaller crowd saw the victory and the larger crowd was disappointed (both afternoon games had identical scores Philadelphia 10, Boston 7.) The Huntington Avenue Grounds rooters were particularly disappointed in the second game because Boston built up a 6-0 lead through 5 innings, only to yield 6 runs in the top of the 7th, another in the 8th and 3 more in the 9th.

The day had started nicely enough, though Philadelphia got one run in the 3rd and another in the 4th, Boston roared back with 5 in the bottom of the 4th and never lost the lead. George Winter started for Boston, gave up two more runs in the 6th and was relieved by Bill Dinneen for the last 3 innings. Charley Farrell threw out five runners attempting to steal second base. Six Philadelphia errors gave the game away. Fans were already arriving for the afternoon game by the time the morning game was over; in both cases, the cheap seats were filled and overflow patrons stood behind ropes in the outfield. Cy Young had held Philadelphia hitless through six with a 6-0 lead. Victory seemed assured, but then the roof fell in and the score was tied. Long Tom Hughes replaced Young in the 8th, and the runs he yielded provided the margin of victory for the visitors. The game featured 8 triples, 5 by Philadelphia.

APRIL 21: The Boston Americans stopped over and played an exhibition game against New Haven on their way to Philadelphia, beating the New Havens 9-2.

APRIL 22: The formal opening day of the 1903 American League season saw Boston already having had sole possession of first place, then having shared it with the Athletics. Mgr.-3B Jimmy Collins' men lost 6-1. Philadelphia was the A.L. champion in 1902, and the pennant was unfurled prior to the game before 16,000 fans. It took the Athletics just 1:33 to deal Boston its second defeat. Rube Waddell had a no-hitter through 7 and held Boston to just 4 hits - though he had a scare in the 6th, having loaded the bases with no one out before escaping without a run. Dinneen did well until the 8th, when he gave up 5 runs.

APRIL 23: The Athletics won again, 7-4, this time wreaking revenge on George Winter, though 5 Boston errors didn't give Winter much support. Of the 11 runs scored, only 3 (all by Philadelphia) were earned runs. Boston's Buck Freeman, batting with the bases loaded had two strikes and no balls, then was hit by the pitch but the umpire refused to award him first base and Freeman then struck out, killing a possible rally. Boston's first pinch-hitter was Jack O'Brien who



Cy Young went 2-0 in April, 1903 en route to a 28-9 finish. Photo courtesy of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, Cooperstown, NY.

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The 1918 World Series Red Sox vs. Chicago Cubs

In 1918, the Boston Red Sox won their fourth world championship in seven years, and their fifth in five World Series appearances, defeating the Chicago Cubs, four games to two. The strong pitching of Babe Ruth and Carl Mays, who each won two games apiece, overshadowed the run production in this Series as the Cubs outscored the Red Sox 10 runs to 9 in the six-game set.

The 1918 World Champion Boston Red Sox were denied the World Series emblem, given at that time in place of rings, to the victors. The story goes that the winners were deprived the top prize in retaliation for a threatened players strike prior to Game Five in Fenway Park. Because of the war, World Series ticket prices remained the same as during the season. The players were concerned about how the decreased Series proceeds would be distributed due to the existing war-time conditions. They had no reservations about contributing a portion of their World Series share to war-related charities. However, they did object to the decision made by the three-man national commission, who ruled baseball at that time, that a portion of the World Series receipts should be allotted to the second-, third- and fourth-place teams, for the first time. The players felt that this notion should be delayed another year.

Seventy-five years later, on September 4, 1993, the Red Sox organization hosted 11 families of the 1918 World Champions in an on-field ceremony at Fenway Park to honor those members of the last championship Red Sox team and to atone for the 75-year long deprivation. Each family in attendance was presented with a World Series memento, an inscribed and encased stickpin bearing the player's name and the 1918 Red Sox emblem.



THE BOSTON AMERICANS: 1903

batted for Winter in the 8th, but made an out. Connie Mack's Athletics had now beaten Boston 3 straight.

APRIL 24: Collins called on Cy Young to stem the tide, and Young held Philadelphia to 6 hits and won 2-1 over Eddie Plank. Philadelphia scored in the first on a disputed play at the plate, but Young shut them down from that point, while Boston eked out single runs in the 3rd and 4th - 4 of Boston's 6 hits were doubles. It was Young's first win of the season; before the year was over he would have 28 wins.

APRIL 25: Boston evened the 6 games against Philadelphia with a 4-0 shutout by Tom Hughes. Though the Athletics' Waddell struck out 11, he allowed 10 hits including 4 doubles and a Freddy Parent triple. Hughes only gave up 1 hit through six, and the Boston defense was perfect - the first game in which they had not made an error. Ballfields in those years were notoriously uneven and errors quite common. Hughes won 20 games in 1903. He'd come over from Baltimore mid-season in 1902 and been decent, but nothing special (3-3, 3.28 ERA.) Collins held onto him, though, and it paid off.

APRIL 26: No baseball was permitted on Sundays in either Philadelphia or Washington, and so the Bostons enjoyed a day of rest.

APRIL 27: Bill Dinneen started in Washington and the game was nip and tuck through 7 innings, with Boston hanging on by a 3-2 margin. In the home 8th, though, the Senators scored 4 times when "the eyesight of Umpire Tom Connolly failed him" and he allowed walks to the first two batters that were "clear strikeouts." Unnerved, Dinneen gave up several hits and the Senators took the lead and the game. A greater loss for Boston came in the second inning when catcher Duke Farrell fractured his ankle crashing his right foot into second base on an intended steal. Backup catcher Lou Criger had been under the weather for days and it took him fully 30 minutes to get dressed and into the game. Criger had been in "citizen's dress" and at the turnstile watching the gate - presumably to ensure that the Senators were reporting an accurate attendance count. It was thought that Farrell would be out for the season.

APRIL 28: Cy Young took the mound once more and won 11-4. None of the four runs were earned runs, though; they scored following errors by Freeman and Parent. Young also wielded the "willow" as his bat was called - after making an out his first time up, he hit a single, a triple and then a double, going 3-4. Before the game, he'd told Washington's Ed Delahanty that he was going for the batting title in 1903. Boston got its first home runs of the year - by Hobe Ferris and Patsy Dougherty. Washington's CF Ducky Holmes hit one off Young, the second of the year off Boston pitching.

APRIL 29: Norwood Gibson got his first Boston start on the 29th but Boston took the defeat 9-5. Gibson himself tripled, but he gave up 9 walks. His batterymate Criger was having a tough time behind the plate, too - nine Senators stole second or third on him. Clarke was the batting star for the Senators with a home run, triple and single in three official at-bats.

APRIL 30: The final game of April was back in Boston, where the Americans hosted - once again - the Philadelphia Athletics. Boston lost, 12-2, and closed the month with 4 wins against 6 losses. Plank pitched a strong game for the A's (1 BB, 6 K) after giving up 2 in the first inning, he scattered but 5 hits the rest of the game while the Athletics piled up 12 off Boston pitcher George Winter, who was left in to weather all 9 innings. ■

The May 1903 Boston Americans' game-by-game timeline will be featured in the 2nd edition of Red Sox Magazine.



As the number three starter, Long Tom Hughes racked up 20 wins for Boston in 1903. Photo courtesy of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, Cooperstown, NY.

The facilities that house the dormitories, cafeteria and activities room.

A Special Partnership Under the Sun and Stars

By Ann Marie Starzyk

On December 19, 2002, the Boston Red Sox entered into a special relationship. On that day it was announced that the Red Sox would partner with the Ron Burton Training Village to create Red Sox Children's Retreats. City children will experience and engage themselves in educational, spiritual and athletic-filled respite-type retreats at this 300-acre campsite located in Hubbardston, Massachusetts.

Ron Burton, Sr., who was a running back and the first-ever draft choice of the New England Patriots in 1960, number one draft choice of the NFL, AFL and CFL, and All-American football player at Northwestern University, created the Village in 1985. His goal was to establish four cornerstones of patience, peace, love and humility. Since its inception it has welcomed over 2,500 children. The Red Sox are instrumental in expanding the use of the facility from a five-week summer camp to an active site from March through November.

Spearheading the Red Sox Children's Retreats is Ron Burton, Jr., who is the Red Sox manager of community athletic programs. His family, led by his father, Ron Sr., has done spectacular work with children. The Village is a source of goodwill for kids who face struggles of living in parts of the city where quiet, rural or suburban experiences are rare. To illustrate this point, Ron Burton, Jr. shares this anecdote:

"One night during a retreat, the kids and I were walking from the dining hall where we watched a movie, to the bunkhouse to turn in for the night, when an 11-year-old boy stopped dead in his tracks and stared hard up at the night sky. There was a pile-up of kids behind him because he wouldn't move. He couldn't stop looking at the night sky. It turns out he was awestruck by the hundreds of twinkling stars. He said he had never in his life seen such a starry, starry sky because living in the city there never was such a wonder. That night we all reveled in a great appreciation for the beauty of stars in the evening sky, some of us for the very first time."



Red Sox President/CEO Larry Lucchino announced the expansion of the Village from a five-week summer camp to an active facility from March through November.



Ron Burton, Sr. addressing the gathering at the December press conference.



On November 1-2, 2002, 38 children, selected via the Urban League, participated in a pilot program at the camp.



Ron, Sr. talking to the youngsters.

Red Sox Children's Retreats operate on select weekends commencing with spring, 2003. The retreats continue through Thanksgiving, including extended weekends when holidays permit. The weekend program begins on Friday afternoons, when children take bus trips to the site. The grounds are filled with gardens, meditation areas, athletic fields and housing facilities. Children dine together Friday night in preparation for a day filled with rigorous activities on Saturday.

Waking up at 5:30 a.m. for a two-mile run, the children then enjoy a hearty breakfast followed by an inspirational speaker at a 7:30 assembly. Reading time is at 8:15 a.m., then seminars are presented regarding life skills like how to interview for a job, conflict resolution, how to open a bank account, etc.).

After lunch the youngsters participate in athletics like football, softball, volleyball and basketball. After dinner there is an evening assembly including spiritual teachings, then movies that instill positive messages are viewed in an on-site theater. The fulfilling day ends at lights-out at 9:00 p.m. The camp's dormitory accommodates 96 children. Before their return home on Sunday, the children participate in more spiritual and athletic activities.

A pilot program took place the weekend of November 1, 2002, with 38 children selected by the Urban League. It received glowing accolades from the young participants and their families. Burton, Jr. said, "The pilot weekend was terrific. It's the first

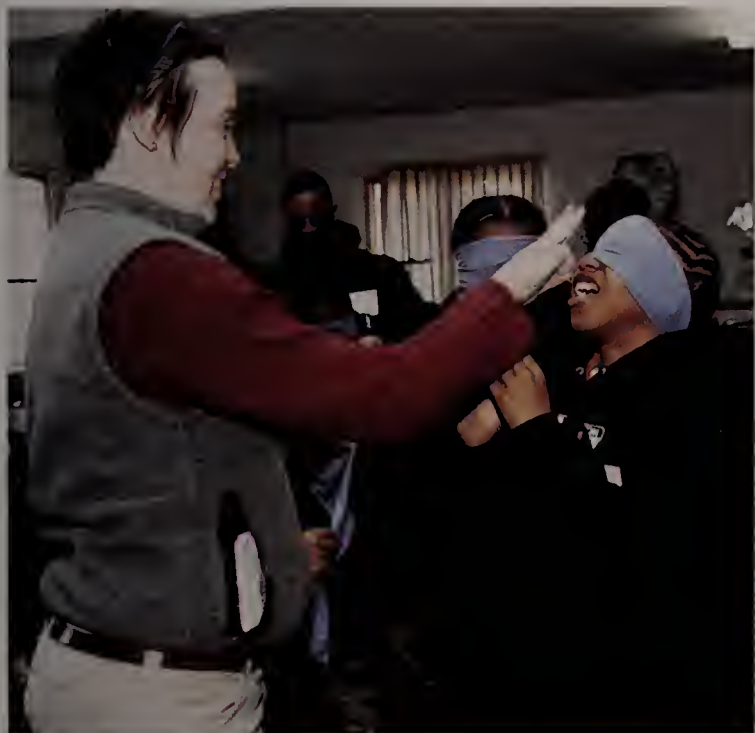


Youngsters participating in basketball, soccer, football, and volleyball on the Village grounds.

experience in serenity for many of these children. And few, if any, have seen such an abundance of food."

The children, ages 10-17, will continue to be selected through the Urban League and through the new Boston Area Church League, which is a baseball program inaugurated in the summer of 2002 by the Red Sox with pastors in minority communities in cooperation with Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino's office and with local district attorneys.

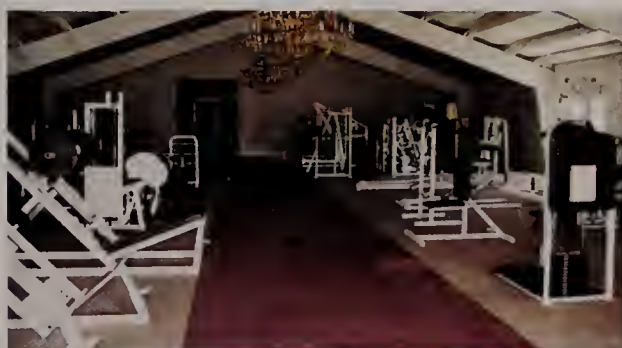
Funding for Red Sox Children's Retreats comes from the Red Sox Foundation, additional charities and Red Sox corporate partners, along with Village sponsors John Hancock, Stop & Shop, Northeastern University Center for Sport in Society and local business leaders. Concludes Ron Burton, Jr., "The partnership further extends the reaching arm of the Ron Burton Training Village to help even a greater number of kids throughout the New England area." ■



Games that help to promote life skills, self esteem and team building are a featured part of the program.



A view of the gardens and Parthenon (outdoor meeting area).

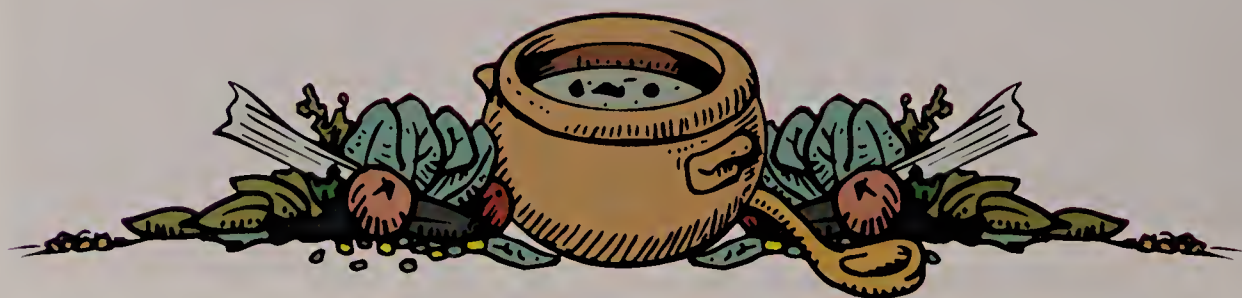


The new weight room.

It's no secret that visitors to Fenway Park often hunger for more than just the sweet taste of victory. This year, more than two million fans from around the world will come to this historic park hoping for a few simple things; another no-hitter from Derek Lowe, a couple of grand slams by Nomar, a world championship, and of course, the perfect place to meet friends and grab a bite to eat before and after the game. Fans expect a lot from this legendary Boston team, and when it comes to dining out, local venues have all the bases covered with a variety of delectable choices to satisfy just about every appetite, no matter how major or minor it may be.

A Trip to Fenway Can be Appetizing as Fans Fare Well!

By Beth Krudys



Since most fans have already either paid for parking or experienced an adventurous Boston "T" ride by the time they reach Fenway, many are looking for places to eat that are within walking distance from the park and that won't jeopardize their chances of missing the first pitch. The question is, are there really any good local places to go to? Based on suggestions and reviews from local neighbors, fans, and Red Sox employees who dine year-round in this area, the answer is a definitive "yes" - here at Fenway Park, there are enough great neighborhood restaurants to suit every fan's taste.

While nearby sports bars have traditionally been the ideal day-of-game place to find baseball-hungry (and hungry baseball!) fans, a growing interest in fresh, different and healthier alternatives has made the decision of where to go slightly overwhelming. Over the seasons, local restaurants around Fenway have become an increasingly popular choice for pre- and post-game gatherings. With dozens of places surrounding Fenway offering everything from burgers and burritos to an impressive selection of ethnic cuisines, deciding where to go is no longer just a walk in the park - these days, it's a whole new ballgame.

Nearby restaurants conveniently located in Kenmore Square include local favorites like Cornwall's and Pizzeria Uno. Cornwall's, an English-style pub that serves traditional tavern fare, offers specialty items like fish and chips, shepherd's pie, and bangers and mash (which translates to English sausage and mashed potatoes.) Cornwall's also boasts an impressive selection of draft beers (24 in total, many of which are English) and is a great low-key place to meet up with friends. Located just minutes from the Kenmore "T" stop, Pizzeria Uno is a number one choice for fans who are looking for that perfect mixture of a family-friendly atmosphere combined with great food and sensible prices. Along with its large selection of appetizers, entrees and dessert choices, Uno's has a full-sized bar and offers a children's menu created specifically for little leaguers and future hall-of-famers. Uno's also hosts a variety of local radio station promotions on big game days like Opening Day and Patriots' Day, and is one of the few places that will take day-of-game advance seating requests over the phone. Both places offer a bit more of a formal dining atmosphere than the usual pre- and post-game hangouts at prices that will still leave fans with enough cash in their pockets for ballpark souvenirs.

Over on the other side of Fenway Park on Kilmarnock Street, fans will enjoy an extensive menu at The Linwood Grill, which includes



popular items such as spicy barbeque shrimp, wet ribs and pulled pork. Known for their tasty barbeque and daily fresh seafood, The Linwood Grill also serves up a huge Sunday brunch beginning at 11:30 a.m., and is usually packed with excited fans before Sunday afternoon games. And when it comes to a place like **Thornton's Fenway Grill**, the name says it all. Thornton's is the perfect spot for Red Sox fans to enjoy all the classics – burgers, chicken sandwiches, huge salads, rib entrees and a whole lot more – just minutes away from Fenway Park.

Adventurous fans hoping to experience a taste of Boston's authentic ethnic cuisine will be pleasantly surprised by the widespread local selection of tempting cultural alternatives. Neighboring restaurants, bistros and cafes offer a smorgasbord of tantalizing dishes that present a melting pot of exciting and diverse culinary options. **Brown Sugar Café**, located on Jersey Street, offers a number of gourmet Thai dishes (Mango Curry and Pad Thai are among the most frequently ordered menu items.) Recently named one of "Boston's Best" in several local magazines, Brown Sugar lives up to its award-winning reputation with delicious food and noteworthy service. **Naha Café**, a popular neighborhood Japanese restaurant, raises the bar (sushi bar, that is) when it comes to Eastern delicacies. Located on neighboring Peterborough Street, Naha also offers generously portioned entrees from Teriyaki to Tempura and much, much more.

Places like the **Ankara Café** and **India Quality Restaurant**, both situated on Commonwealth Avenue, offer a wealth of traditional Middle-Eastern and Indian specialties at very practical prices. The Ankara Café, famous for its collegiate name-inspired triple-decker sandwiches (like the BU and the Northeastern) also features falafel, over 60 types of roll-ups, and has been honored as the number one place to get frozen yogurt in Boston (a perfect choice

for those hot summer days!) With its friendly service and exceptional Indian food, India Quality Restaurant is one place that definitely lives up to its name. Chicken Masala and barbeque shrimp are among India Quality's most frequently ordered items, along with many other authentic Indian dishes. And for curious fans who wonder how Red Sox president and CEO Larry Lucchino, who moved here from sunny San Diego last season, keeps warm during the frigid New England winters, the answer may be just a few blocks away at **El Pelón Taqueria** on Peterborough Street. According to Larry, the food "reminds me of San Diego," and the quesadillas "are 'favoritos' of our family!" Larry is a big fan of the restaurant's tasty Mexican specialties, which include a variety of hot and spicy burritos, tacos and quesadillas that can be found just south of the Yawkey Way border.

Many visitors come to Fenway Park hoping to sample a taste of Boston's best Italian cooking, and while some will argue that it can only be found in the North End, fans will be pleasantly surprised at the variety of gourmet Italian dishes that are prepared within walking distance of the ballpark. A quick stroll down Brookline Avenue will lead to **Il Giardino Café**, a quaint, hidden treasure that offers a more quiet and relaxed alternative to the bustling bar scene surrounding the park. "Ils," as the café has been donned by Red Sox office regulars, is known for its scrumptious yet sensibly priced pasta dishes, fresh salads and sandwiches, as well as its authentic Neopolitan-style pizza. Italian food lovers will also enjoy distinctive Tuscan and Umbrian cuisine at **Il Bico** on Commonwealth Avenue, where one of the most popular appetizers on the menu includes delicious variations of Tuscan flatbread appropriately called Bico.

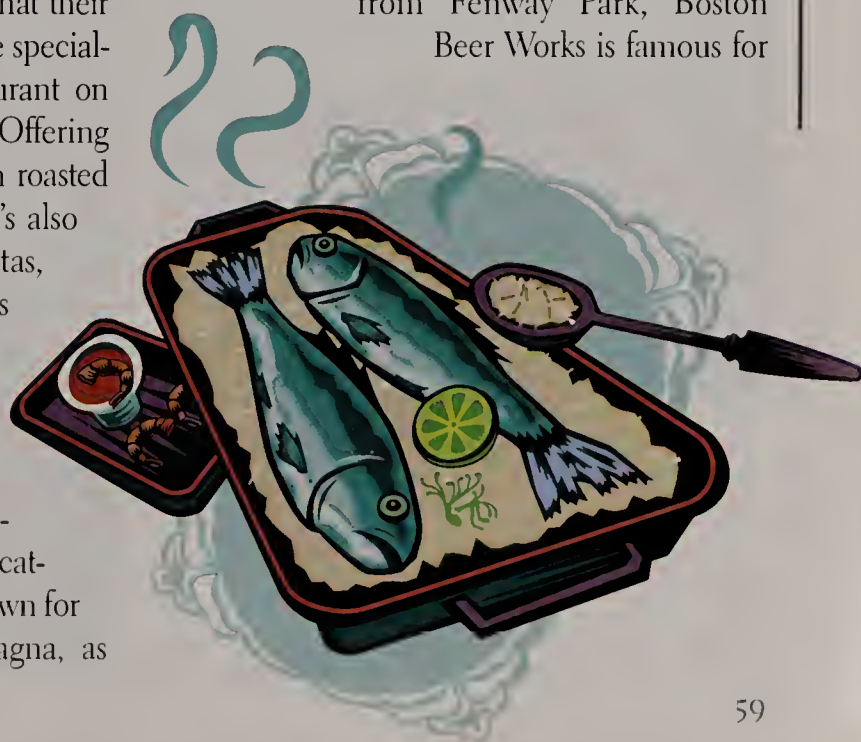
Now, all good Boston fans know that their favorite team cannot be topped, but the specialty pizzas at **Canestaro's** Italian restaurant on Peterborough Street are another story. Offering almost every topping imaginable, from roasted peppers to juicy pineapple, Canestaro's also has an extensive menu filled with pastas, salads, burgers, and steak tips, as well as a very popular pesto salmon dish. The restaurant's decadent triple mousse cake, delicious Tiramisu and daily dessert creations also make dining at Canestaro's a very sweet experience. The chefs at **Sorrento's**, also located on Peterborough Street, are best known for their mouth-watering homemade lasagna, as

well as a very tasty salmon dish. And for those evenings when games (and appetites) go long beyond the ninth inning, fans can rest assured that Sorrento's stays open until midnight every day of the week.

Visitors longing for a hearty steak dinner will reckon there's no better place to go than the legendary **Longhorn Steakhouse**, a rare find nestled in the Landmark building on Brookline Avenue amongst a collection of pool halls and sports bars, located next door to the Fenway Movie Theatre. With its dark wooden interior and authentic western design, guests are invited to enjoy a huge selection of robust meals that include juicy steaks, Texas-style BBQ ribs, and fresh catches and chicken that are reasonably priced and remarkably well done. With a special menu catering to patrons under the age of 10, Longhorn is yet another great choice for families visiting Fenway Park with youngsters.

And for the many who are simply looking to score a quick burger around game time, there are a number of popular spots within walking distance of Fenway Park that offer a wide variety of choices at very reasonable prices. Local favorites like the **Baseball Tavern**, **Boston Beer Works**, **B.B. Wolf**, and the **Cask 'n Flagon**, locations synonymous with the Boston Red Sox, are usually filled to capacity on game days, often times even before batting practice has begun. All four places offer a full menu of appetizers, sandwiches and entrees in a casual sports bar atmosphere.

Aptly named, the Baseball Tavern, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this summer and will be hosting a number of celebratory events, is closer than a Pedro pitch from Gate D, and offers both indoor and outdoor seating for those fans hoping to catch a little summer sun. Located directly across from Fenway Park, Boston Beer Works is famous for





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Fenway Franks, the official hot dog of the Boston Red Sox.



its specialty beers brewed right on the premises, with their Blueberry Beer, India Pale Ale, Back Bay IPA and Fenway Pale Ale ranking high among fan favorites. Boston Beer Works has also honored Fenway's most famous landmark with its very popular chicken and pesto sandwich named, what else, the Green Monster Sandwich. B.B. Wolf, situated just a few steps down the street from Fenway, specializes in all kinds of barbecue and also has several pool tables where fans can cue up before or after the game. The Cask 'N Flagon, an ever popular gathering spot for game-goers, describes itself as being set "in the shadows of the Green Monster" and is located directly across from Fenway Park on Brookline Avenue. This historical hangout offers varying daily specials that range from 10-cent wings to free pizza with a pitcher of beer on certain days. The Cask 'N Flagon also boasts the best game day deal in town, offering a 22-ounce Bud Light for just \$2.95. The Cask is a great place to meet up before the game begins, and once it's over, fans can dance the night away with a DJ and dancing every game night until 2 a.m.

Still, for those fans who just want to spend the entire day at Fenway without ever leaving the park, there's no need to look any further than right outside the entrance of Gate A. Every game day, just a few hours before the game begins, Yawkey Way is transformed into an exciting street festival of music, merriment, and best of all, delicious food. Fans can get a "Taste of the Majors" while enjoying famous ballpark concessions like Philly cheesesteak, Maryland crab cakes and New England clam "chowdah." Fans looking to spice up their day a little can enjoy tasty Cuban delights while reminiscing with former Red Sox player Luis Tiant at El Tiante's. Fans can also get together at the Red Sox Players Club, which offers a typical sports bar menu that includes ballpark favorites like Fenway Franks and pizza, and also houses several big-screen TVs so guests won't miss any of the action. The Players Club opens its doors to non-ticketholders after the bottom of the sixth inning.

With so many places to choose from, it's safe to say that fans will have no problems crowding their plate during trips to Fenway Park. After all, going to a Red Sox game is fun in itself. Coupled with a hometown victory and a great selection of places to eat, a trip to Fenway Park is sure to be an enormous hit. ■

FENWAY EATERIES

Cornwall's

617-262-3749

654 Beacon Street

Noon - 2 am

Pizzeria Uno

617-262-4911

1 Brookline Avenue

11 am - 12:30 am

The Linwood Grill

617-247-8099

81 Kilmarnock Street

11:30 am - 10 pm (weekdays)

11:30 am - 11 pm (weekends)

Thornton's Fenway Grill

617-421-0104

100 Peterborough Street

10 am-midnight

Brown Sugar Café

617-266-2928

129 Jersey Street

11 am - 10 pm (weekdays)

11 am-11 pm (weekends)

Naha Café

617-536-6688

90 Peterborough Street

Noon - 2:30 pm (lunch)

5:00 pm-9:00 pm (dinner)

Ankara Café

617-437-0404

472 Commonwealth Avenue

9:30 am - midnight

India Quality Restaurant

617-267-4499

484 Commonwealth Avenue

11:30 am - 3 pm, 5 pm - 11 pm (weekdays)

11:30 am - 11 pm (weekends)

El Pelón Taqueria

617-262-9090

92 Peterborough Street

Open 11:30 am - 10 pm

Il Giardino Café

617-267-6124

132 Brookline Avenue

Open 6 am - 7 pm

Il Bico

617-375-0699

468 Commonwealth Avenue

11:30 am - 3:30 pm (lunch)

5 pm - 10 pm (dinner)

5 pm - 10 pm (Sunday)

Canestaro's

617-266-8997

16 Peterborough Street

11 am - 11 pm

Sorrento's

617-424-7070

86 Peterborough Street

11 am-10 pm

Longhorn Steakhouse

617-247-9199

201 Brookline Avenue

11 am-10 pm (weekdays)

11 am-11 pm (weekends)

Baseball Tavern

617-437-1644

Open 11 am - midnight

Boston Beer Works

617-536-2337

61 Brookline Avenue

Open 11:30 am - 1:30 am (with extended hours on game days)

B.B. Wolf

617-247-2227

109 Brookline Avenue

Sunday - Wednesday

11:30 am - 12 am

Thursday - Saturday

11:30 am - 2 am

Open Mondays on game days, 3 hours before game start time

Cask 'N Flagon

617-536-4840

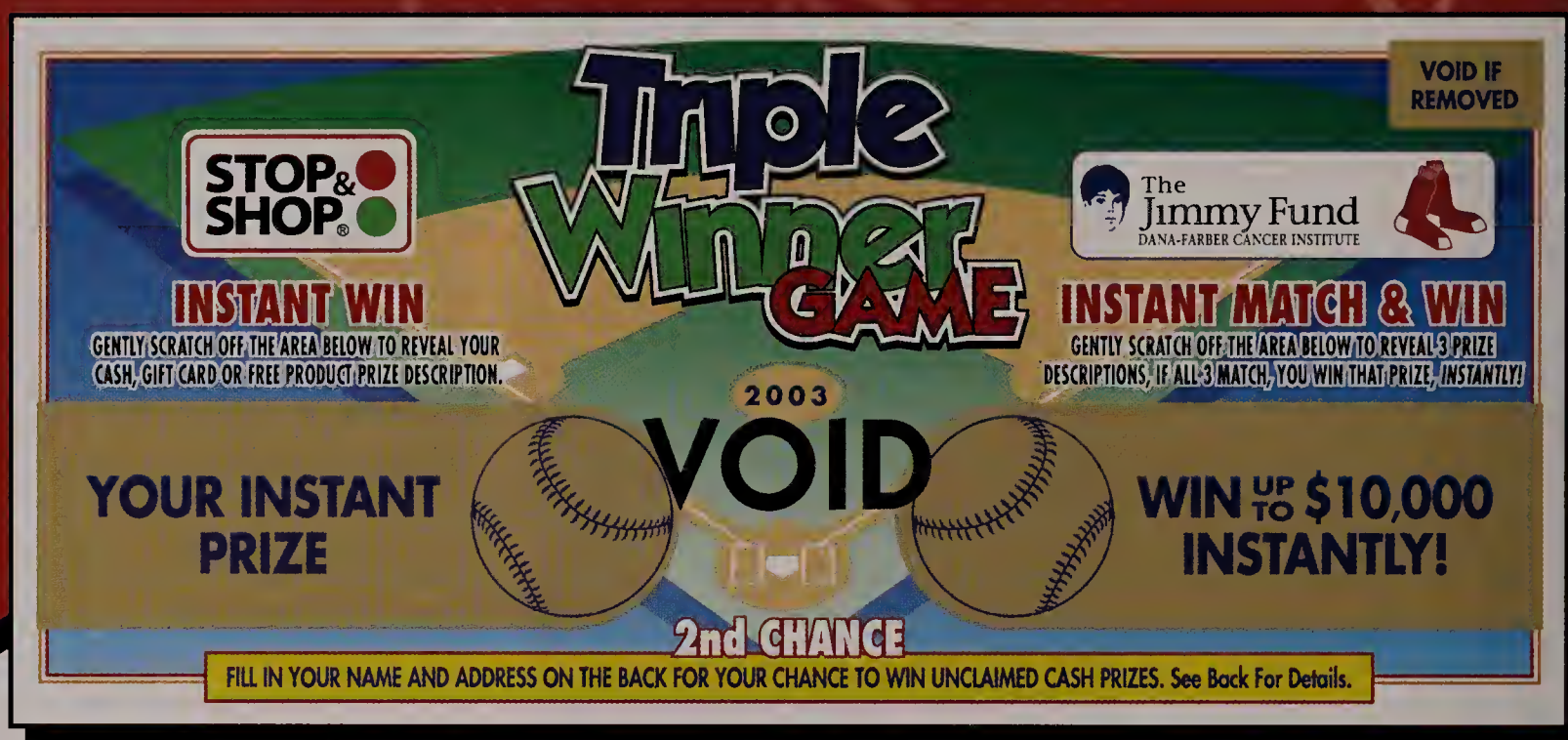
62 Brookline Avenue

11:30 am - 2 am (weekdays)

10:30 am - 2 am (weekends)



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by Dick Bresciani

"YOU DO IT RIGHT AND YOU DO IT FIRST CLASS. YOU MAKE SURE YOU TAKE CARE OF THE BOSS(ES) I.E., OWNER(S), GENERAL MANAGER, MANAGER — IN THAT ORDER.

You treat the players and their families with respect and do your best to help them." Those were the main rules Jack Rogers went by in his long-time (1969-94) role as Red Sox traveling secretary and vice president of transportation.

"I learned from the best," Jack once said. "Duffy Lewis (a great Red Sox left fielder who was inducted into the club's Hall of Fame in 2002) was the traveling secretary for the Boston Braves when I broke into baseball with the Braves in 1947. He really knew how to treat people and families, whether they were in the organization, on the team, with the media, or fans." Jack embraced that philosophy during his future career with Pan American Airlines and the Red Sox. He believed that was his role — simply, to help, which he did willingly and efficiently.

Jack was a navy pilot on an aircraft carrier in World War II and then joined the public relations staff of the National League Braves. He worked for future founder and owner of the New England Patriots, Billy Sullivan, and with Donald Davidson, John Mullen and Roland Hemond who all became prominent major league executives. One of Jack's early assignments was to bring Braves players to visit youngsters afflicted with cancer



JACK ROGERS (1916-2003)

at the new Dana-Farber Cancer Institute when the Jimmy Fund was established.

The Braves went off to Milwaukee in March 1953 but Jack opted to stay in Boston and went to work in public relations for Pan American Airways. Along with his wife, Ellie, and youngsters, Jackie and Jane, they had many interesting trips outside the United States.

Following his retirement from the Red Sox, he still continued to make the trek to spring training in Fort Myers, FL, to assist with team travel, tickets, etc. In Boston Jack also attended all home games sitting in his usual press box seat charting the balls and strikes thrown by the pitchers

during the game.

At his funeral mass, his son, Jack, Jr., related a poignant memory from his childhood when his dad took him to his first major league game. It was a surprise trip in which Jack, Jr. believed he was on the way to the dentist and instead ended up on a private plane ride from Logan Airport to New York City where he sat in box seats to watch a World Series game between the Yankees and the Milwaukee Braves.

That was Jack Rogers. A wonderful family man who also did so many kind deeds for his legion of friends as well as the players and coaches to whom he tended during his long and distinguished baseball career. ■



Jack (center) joined by former Red Sox players Charlie Wagner and Eddie Pellagrini during the 1999 spring training in Fort Myers.



Over the years, more than 1,400 ballplayers have worn the Red Sox uniform. New Englanders have adopted many of these former players as one of their own. This is the first in our season series honoring memorable players from the 1948 and 1978 Boston Red Sox.

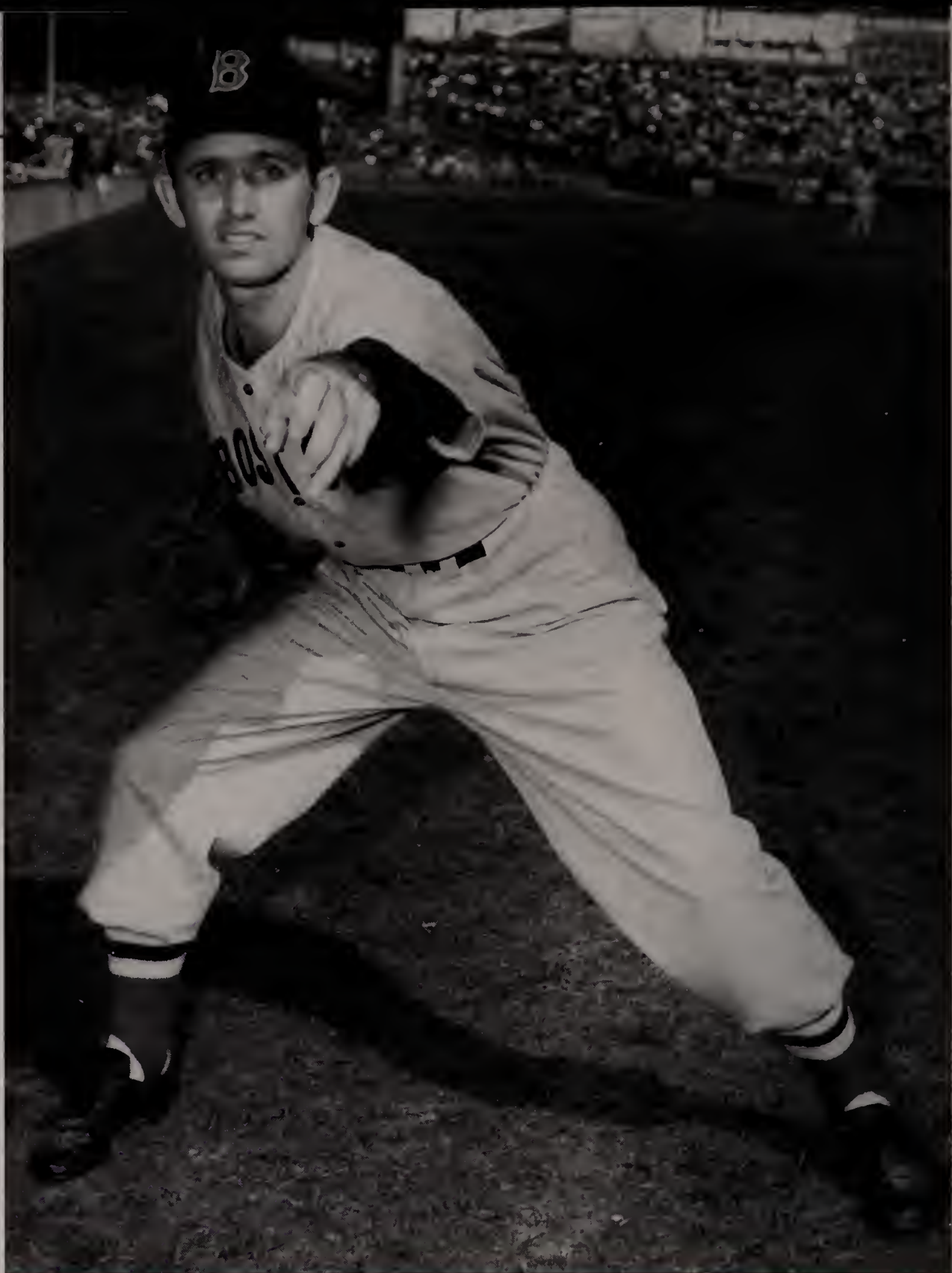
By Herb Crehan

Mel Parnell is one of the great left-handed pitchers in Red Sox history. His 123 lifetime wins set the standard for all Red Sox southpaws, and he holds the club career record for innings pitched and games started by a lefty. Only two right-handed Red Sox pitchers, Roger Clemens who won three Cy Young Awards in a Red Sox uniform and Cy Young himself, have won more games for the Red Sox than Mel Parnell.

The 1948 season was Mel Parnell's first full season in the major leagues. "Marvelous Mel" as fans knew him, won 15 games that season and led the Red Sox pitching staff with an ERA of 3.14. The 1948 Red Sox started slowly and found themselves in seventh place, more than 10 games out of first place on June 1st. But the team rallied to an 81-36 record over the next four months. Their dramatic 10-5 victory over the New York Yankees on the last day of the season set the stage for the first playoff in American League history.

THE 1948 BOSTON RED SOX

The Red Sox were considered to be serious pennant contenders as the 1948 season got under way. The nucleus of the 1946 team that had come within one game of a World Championship was still intact, and Manager Joe McCarthy was starting his second season at the helm. Veteran pitcher Ellis Kinder joined young Parnell in the starting



Mel Parnell

THE 1948 BOSTON RED SOX REMEMBERED

Adopted Sons of New England's Team

pitching rotation and slugger Vern Stephens, acquired along with Kinder from the St. Louis Browns during the off-season, added power at the shortstop position.

Despite this multitude of talent at the end of May, the team was nine games under .500 with a record of 14-23. Parnell had pitched well, but had little to show for it due to poor run support.

"I remember that Maxine Dobson (pitcher Joe Dobson's wife) brought me some old nylon stockings. She said she wanted to get me some runs. But I was pitch-

ing well, and feeling more confident."

The team caught fire in June. Led by the slugging of Ted Williams, the team won three-quarters of its games and moved up to fourth place. They set a team record with 25 wins in July and claimed first place at the end of the month.

On August 31 Parnell was a complete game winner over the Detroit Tigers, while Williams contributed two hits, scored two runs, and stole a base. At that point the team held a one game lead over the Yankees.

The 1948 season was the high-water

mark for Boston as a two-team major league city. The combined home attendance for the Red Sox and the Braves during the 1948 regular season was 3,014,237. The attendance for the three-game "City Series" between the Red Sox and the Braves prior to Opening Day, plus the 120,000 fans who crowded Braves Field for the World Series, brought total attendance for the year to almost 3.2 million Boston fans.

"We were looking forward to playing the Braves in the 1948 World Series. We had a good rivalry with them. We always played them in spring training and the City Series was very intense," Parnell remembers. "Playing in the same city, we were very aware of how they were doing and we really wanted to beat them in the World Series."

By mid-September the American League pennant race was a three-way affair among the Red Sox, Yankees and the Cleveland Indians. Based on a mid-September coin toss, the Red Sox were named as the home team in the event of a tie with the Indians.

Entering the final weekend of the season, the Red Sox and Yankees were tied for second place, each one game behind the first-place Indians. A two-game sweep of the Yankees, coupled with the Indians loss to the Detroit Tigers on the final day of the season, set the stage for a one-game playoff at Fenway Park on Monday, October 4.

THE FIRST AMERICAN LEAGUE PLAYOFF GAME

With less than 24 hours notice, 33,957 Red Sox fans bought tickets for the historic contest against the Indians. The cool temperatures and brisk wind did not put off baseball-mad Boston fans, but weather conditions would play a key role in the day's events.

The random coin-toss citing the playoff game at Fenway Park placed the Indians at a serious disadvantage. After their disappointing loss to the Tigers on Sunday the team was forced to board a 9 PM train from Cleveland that would arrive in Back Bay station at 10 AM Monday.

When the Indians finally arrived at the visitor's clubhouse, Player-Manager Lou Boudreau informed the press that he was starting either Bob Feller, Bob Lemon, or rookie pitcher Gene Bearden. All three pitchers played their part in the charade designed to keep the Red Sox off balance.



Rival pitchers Parnell and Allie Reynolds of the Yankees meet before they face off for the Fenway opener on April 18, 1950.

The Red Sox selection of a starting pitcher against the Indians is one of the great controversies in Red Sox history, and Parnell was a central character. Mel was the logical choice to start the playoff game. He was well rested and he had been the team's most reliable pitcher down the stretch. Over the years a number of theories have been advanced regarding Manager Joe McCarthy's selection of a starting pitcher. Parnell was there, and he knows what really happened.

"My family had come to town to watch me pitch the big game. We went out to dinner the night before but I was in bed by 9 PM because I wanted to be well rested. When I arrived at the clubhouse the next day, the ball was under my cap, which was how they let you know you were going to start.

"I was getting myself mentally prepared when Joe McCarthy came out of his office and approached me. He put his hand on my shoulder and said, 'Kid, I've changed my mind. The elements are against a left-hander, the wind is blowing out to left field. I'm going with a righthander.' With that, he told our clubhouse boy to run out on the field and call Denny Galehouse in."

Fifty-five years later the emotion in Mel Parnell's voice is evident when he says, "My

biggest disappointment in baseball was not getting to pitch in that playoff game against Cleveland. I was ready to pitch that game and I wanted to pitch that game. It would have been the biggest game of my life and I





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Sox southpaws Jack Spring, Mel Parnell and Leo Kiely in 1956 spring training at Sarasota, FL.

wanted to win it for my teammates.”

Asked if he thought Joe McCarthy sought advice from others on his pitching choice, Parnell responds emphatically, “Anyone who knew Joe McCarthy, particularly anyone who played for him, knows that he was his own man. I am certain that he made the decision on his own. And every teammate I’ve discussed this with agrees with me.”

McCarthy was right about one thing: the wind was definitely blowing out to left. And the Indians’ Boudreau took advantage of it with a first-inning home run over the green monster to give the Indians an early lead. The Red Sox countered with a first-inning run against Gene Bearden, whom Boudreau had intended to start all along. The Indians drove Galehouse from the mound with four runs in the fourth inning. Lou Boudreau’s four hits led the Indians to an 8-3 victory for the American League pennant. Boston had missed out on its one chance for a subway series to determine baseball’s world champion.

THE “BIG EASY”

Melvin Lloyd Parnell was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on June 13, 1922. He credits his father with directing him to baseball as a youngster and encouraging him throughout his career.

“My dad had played semi-pro baseball

and he encouraged me in that direction. He always told me to play as much as I could and to work on my weaknesses.

“I played as much ball as I could. I played every day even though the heat in New Orleans in the summer was terrible. We just got used to it. My mother was always after me to come home for lunch. I would tell her, ‘Mama, I don’t have time to eat lunch. I’m playing ball.’”

Parnell would develop into one of the best pitchers in Red Sox history, but his original position was first base. “I loved to bat,” Parnell recalls. “I would pitch batting practice, but first base was my position. That’s where I always played as a youngster.”

“The Cleveland Indians trained in New Orleans when I was growing up, and I loved to watch the Giants’ Carl Hubbell pitch against Bob Feller. Feller would be grunting and groaning, throwing his fastball, but Hubbell made it look so easy. I loved his style and I would like to think that some of it rubbed off on me.”

But Giant first baseman and future Hall of Famer Mel Ott was his favorite. “Mel was a great hitter and a great person. He grew up just across the river from New Orleans, and I knew everything about him. When I got to meet him he took a liking to me and we became great friends.”

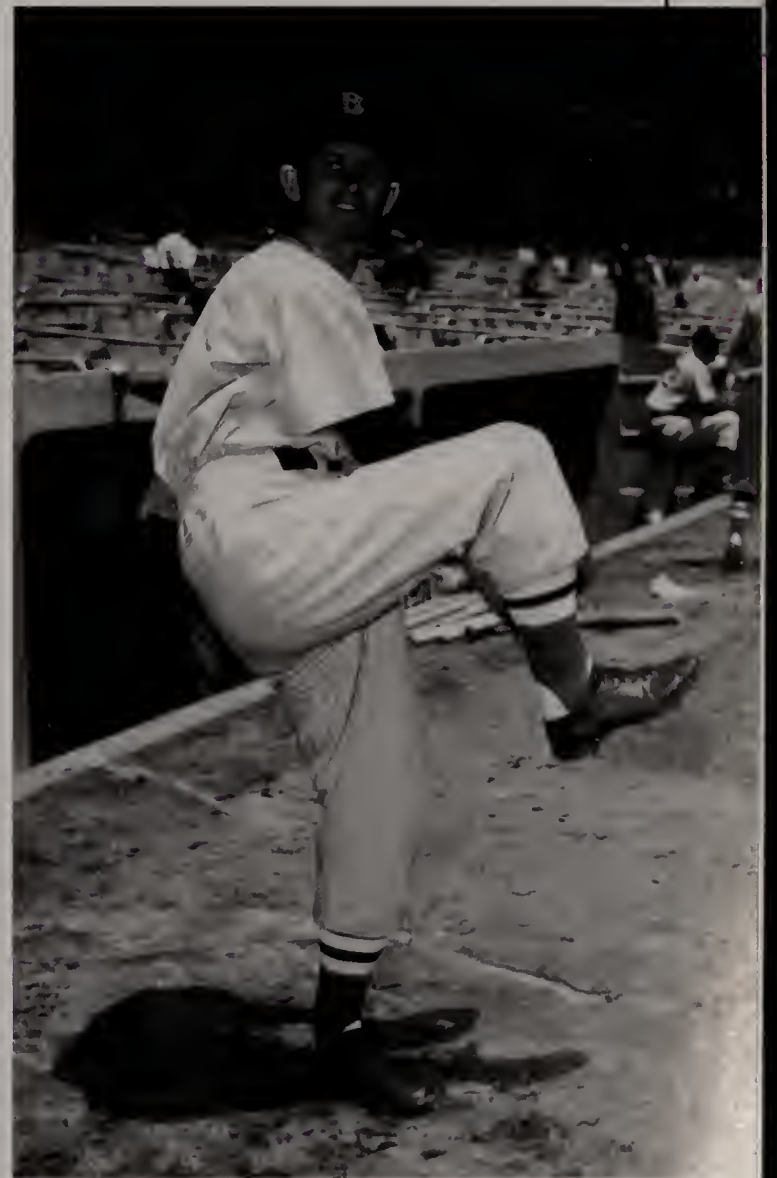
When Parnell would pitch batting practice to his high school teammates they

would ask him to stop throwing breaking balls. “I was throwing them fastballs, but my pitches always had a lot of movement on them. One day we were short of pitchers and the coach asked if I would like to pitch. As it turned out there were a lot of major league scouts there to see some of my teammates. I struck out 17 batters that day and I drew a lot of interest after that.”

THE ROAD TO THE BIG LEAGUES

Red Sox scout Herb Pennock recognized the young left-hander’s potential and along with area scout Ed Montague convinced Parnell to sign a minor league contract. “I signed for a \$5,000 bonus and \$125 a month in the minors. I thought I was rich. But mostly I remember how happy my dad was for me.”

Parnell did not get off to an auspicious start in the Red Sox organization. “I was a 130-pound teenager. When I reported to the Red Sox farm team in Owensburg, Kentucky, Manager Hugh Wyatt looked at me and said, ‘What are you supposed to do?’ I said, ‘Sir, I am supposed to pitch.’ His response was, ‘I have four left-handed pitchers, and I certainly don’t need a fifth.’”



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The New Orleans, LA native points out his birthplace to Manager Mike Higgins.

"That turned out to be a big break for me. They sent me to Centerville, Maryland, where Eddie Popowski was the manager. He was great and I pitched well. Then I was sent to Canton, Ohio, where I led the league in earned run average."

His journey through the Red Sox minor league system was interrupted by a four-year tour of duty with the Air Force. In 1946, at age 23, Parnell was one of many young ballplayers returning from the service at the end of World War II. "The Red Sox had so many good young players, that they had to send half of them to Louisville in Triple-A and half to Scranton, Pennsylvania, in the tough class-A Eastern League. I was sent to Scranton along with future Red Sox teammates Sam Mele and Maury McDermott. We finished first, 19 games up, and I led the league in earned run average."

TEN SEASONS AT FENWAY PARK

That outstanding season earned Parnell an invitation to the big league spring training camp in Sarasota, Florida. "There were two spots open on the pitching staff and I earned one of them. I was thrilled. Boston is a lot like New Orleans in that they both have a lot of history and they're not too big. Plus, I'm as Irish as they come, so I fit in right away. I was comfortable with the city and the fans from the beginning."

But Parnell was not as comfortable with the friendly confines of Fenway Park and the nearby wall in left field. "The first time I saw that left-field wall I thought maybe I made a mistake and went to the wrong ballpark. I

had been a fastball pitcher in the minor leagues, but I knew right away that I would have to become more of a breaking ball pitcher.

"My next door neighbor in New Orleans was Howie Pollet, who pitched for the St. Louis Cardinals against the Red Sox in the 1946 World Series. Howie told me that I would have to keep the ball down to survive in Fenway. That wasn't hard for me. My high school coach had nick-

named me 'Dusty' because I threw so many pitches in the dirt."

Parnell still remembers his first major league start in 1947. "It was April 20, 1947, against the Washington Senators. I lost that game to Walt Masterson 3-2, on a passed ball. My first win was in Detroit against Hal Newhouser. He had won nine straight so I guess they thought they would toss a rookie out there to see what I could do. We ended up winning 4-1. That's still a great memory."

Parnell was sent down to Louisville in midseason to get more work. But he took a ground ball off his pitching hand and sat out the balance of the season. Red Sox Manager McCarthy was not a big fan of young pitchers, but Parnell earned a spot as a key member of the Red Sox pitching staff in 1948.

CLOSE CALLS

After the disappointing end to the 1948 season, Parnell was determined to have a good season in 1949. And he exceeded everyone's expectations. In 1949 Parnell won 25 games. No Red Sox pitcher has equaled that mark in 53 seasons.

The Red Sox and the Yankees staged an epic battle for the 1949 American League pennant. Parnell started the year strong and his outstanding

pitching earned him a spot on the American League All-Star team. In early August he beat the Yankees for his 17th victory as the Red Sox whittled away at the Yankee's hold on first place.

As the race came down to the wire, McCarthy relied mainly on Parnell and right-hander Ellis Kinder. They each started on three days rest and went to the bullpen between starts. During the Red Sox final 19 games the pair started 10 times and relieved seven times. The slender Parnell became practically gaunt, dropping from 185 to 160 pounds.

For the second year in a row, the Red Sox and the Yankees went head-to-head in the last two games of the season with the pennant on the line. In 1948 the final games were in Fenway and the Red Sox swept the pair. In 1949 the games were in Yankee Stadium and the Yankees won both games to win the American League pennant.

Parnell led the American League in wins, complete games, and innings pitched in 1949. For the 1948 and 1949 seasons combined, the Red Sox had more wins than any team in major league baseball. Despite all these accomplishments, Parnell and the Red Sox had fallen just short of their goal.

In 1950 Parnell went 18-10 to lead the Red Sox pitching staff. His win total ranked

Mel Parnell's Rank in Red Sox History

Category	Career Totals	All-Time Boston Red Sox Rank
Wins	123	3rd*
Games Started	232	4th*
Winning Percentage (100 Decisions)	.621	9th
Complete Games	113	6th
Shutouts	20	6th
Innings	1,752.2	4th*
Games	289	9th
Strikeouts	732	16th
ERA(1,000 Innings)	3.50	T17th

* Ranks first among Red Sox left-handed pitchers

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fourth in the American League and his 21 complete games was third in the league. In 1951 he won 18 games again and his ERA of 3.26 ranked seventh in the league. His outstanding season earned him American League All-Star honors for the second time.

The 1952 season was an off year by Parnell standards: his record fell to 12-12. But it was the season of his one major league home run, and he still remembers every detail. "I hit it off Lew Kretlow who was a fastball pitcher. It was in old Comiskey Park in Chicago. I hit that ball over the fence in right-center, the deepest part of the ballpark. When I got back to the dugout my teammates gave me the silent treatment. But that was okay. I hit that ball a long way."

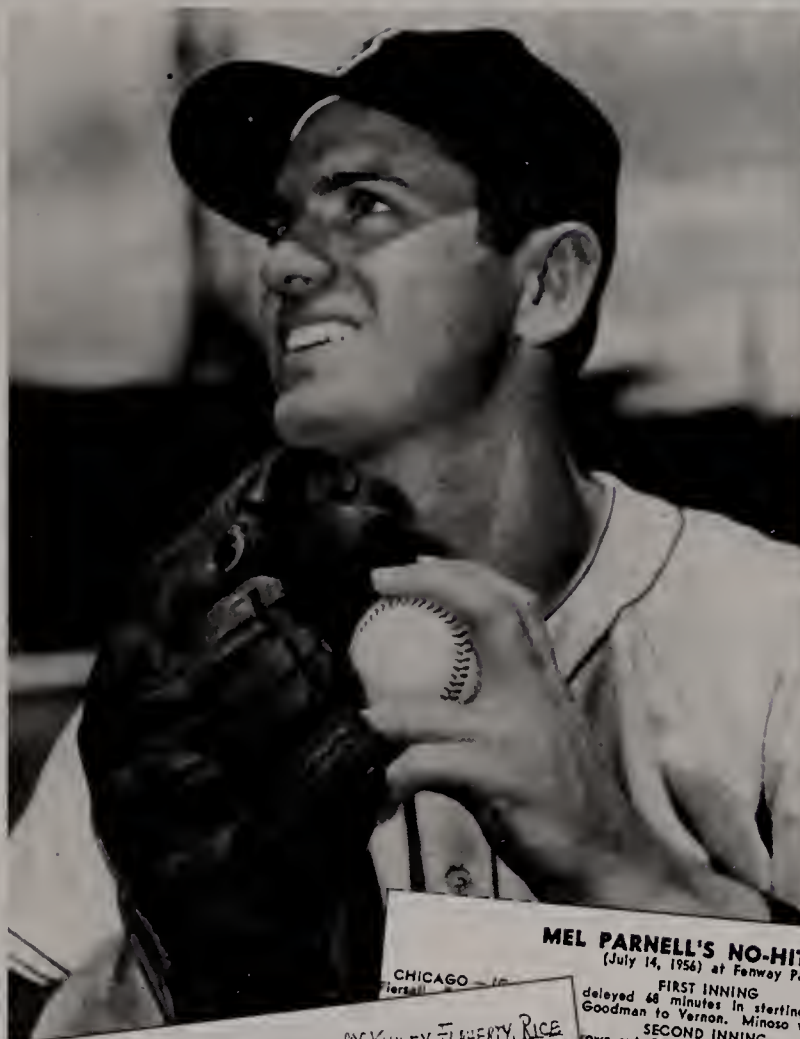
In 1953 he returned to form with a staff-leading record of 21-8. His 21 wins placed him second in the American League, and his sparkling winning percentage of .724 ranked fourth.

MARVELOUS MEL MEETS MICKEY McDERMOTT

"Mickey McDermott had a terrific arm and a wonderful personality. He was a great teammate and a really good friend. We had been close since we were teammates at Scranton in 1946. I remember later when we were on the Red Sox they made us roommates and the front office said, 'We want you to be like a father to this kid.' But Mickey was a free spirit.

"After he was traded to the Washington Senators we remained friends. I remember we were scheduled to pitch against one another in Washington in late April of 1954. We had made plans to go out to dinner together that evening. I came to bat against Mickey in the third inning, and he threw me a pitch that took off and kept bearing in on me. I just couldn't get out of the way and it hit me on my left wrist.

"Mickey came in to our dugout to see how I was. I said 'Mickey, I think it's broken.' I looked up and he had tears coming out of his eyes." Parnell came back to pitch later



MEL PARNELL'S NO-HIT GAME
(July 14, 1956) at Fenway Park

CHICAGO WHITE SOX vs. BOSTON RED SOX
Umpires: Summers, McKinley, Flaherty, Rice

Team	AB	R	H	PO	A	E	SI
CHICAGO WHITE SOX	26	10	2	0	0	0	0
BOSTON RED SOX	28	0	0	0	0	0	0

PLAYERS

Player	Pos	AB	R	H	PO	A	E	SI
RIVERA (DROPO)	RF	8	1	1	0	0	0	0
FOX	2B	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
MINOSO	1B	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
PHILLEY	LF	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
DOBY	CF	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
LOLLAR	C	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
ESPOSITO	3B	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
APERICIO	SS	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
MCDONALD	P	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAPELME	P	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
(PHILLIPS)								

INNING

FIRST INNING
delayed 68 minutes in starting due to rain. Rivera filed to Goodman to Vernon. Minoso was thrown out. Klaus to Vernon. Second out, Buddin to Vernon. Doby walked. Lollar grounded into

SECOND INNING
Buddin to Vernon. Doby walked. Lollar grounded into

THIRD INNING
file at first base on Buddin's error. Esposito was thrown out. Apercio filed to Piersall. McDonald struck out.

FOURTH INNING
Klaus. Fox grounded out. Goodman to Vernon. Minoso was

FIFTH INNING
out, Goodman to Vernon. Doby filed to Jensen. Lollar

SIXTH INNING
Piersall. Apercio struck out. McDonald was called out on

SEVENTH INNING
on strikes. Fox grounded out. Parnell to Vernon. Minoso

EIGHTH INNING
Klaus to Vernon. Doby grounded out. Goodman to

NINTH INNING
Apercio forced Esposito at second. Goodman to Buddin. Apercio at second, Klaus to Goodman. Drope batted all, who carried the ball to first base to personally

SCORE
CHICAGO 10, BOSTON 0
Runs: 10, Hits: 2, Errors: 0
Left on Base: 1
Pitcher: Parnell
Innings Pitched: 9
Strikeouts: 10
Walks: 2
Hit Batsmen: 2
Home Runs: 0
Wild Pitches: 0
Balks: 0
Time of Game: 1:52

On July 14, 1956, Parnell pitched the first no-hitter for the Red Sox in 33 years.

that season, and he pitched for two more years in the big leagues, but he was never the same pitcher again.

"I tried to come back too soon. I wanted to pitch again so badly. But I wasn't ready and I injured my arm. I still knew how to pitch, but I had elbow problems. My arm was never quite right again."

NEARLY PERFECT

By the 1956 season, Parnell's major league pitching career was winding down. But on July 14 he pitched one of the most memorable games of his career. Facing the Chicago White Sox in a Saturday afternoon game at Fenway Park, Parnell looked like the

20-game winner of old. When former teammate Walt Dropo stepped to the plate with two men out in the ninth inning, Parnell was one out away from the first no-hitter by a Red Sox pitcher in 33 years.

"I was really on that day. My sinker was working and my slider was very sharp. I have to laugh when a pitcher says that he didn't realize he had a no-hitter going. As a pitcher, you're always reviewing in your mind what's gone on. What has worked for you, what they've hit. You have to know. I certainly knew. But I wasn't nervous because I didn't believe that it could possibly happen.

"But when Dropo stepped in, I could feel the pressure. He was a good hitter and he loved to hit in Fenway.

He hit a high hopper right back to me. I speared it and I ran all the way to first to make the play by myself. It was the only no-hitter to end in an unassisted putout by the pitcher. Our first baseman, Mickey Vernon said, 'What was the matter, didn't you trust me to make the play?' I told him that wasn't it at all. I didn't trust myself to make the throw."

Parnell finished the 1956 season with a record of 7-6, and decided it was time to retire. "I probably could have pitched a little longer, but I knew I would never get back to my previous level. It was time."

After retirement he was associated with the baseball program at Tulane University and later served as the general manager of the minor league New Orleans Pelicans. The Red Sox coaxed Parnell back to their organization in 1960. "I managed at Alpine, Texas, and later out in Seattle, Washington. I enjoyed it, but I thought it was time to spend more time with my family."

THE BROADCAST BOOTH

Parnell returned to Boston one more time, working with the Red Sox television crew from 1965 to 1969. "Curt Gowdy con-

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Parnell (right) with fellow Red Sox broadcasters Ned Martin and Ken Coleman.

vinced me to give it a try. I enjoyed working with Curt until he left to join the national network, and it was great working with Ned Martin and Ken Coleman. But I was never totally comfortable with the role. It did allow me to be a part of the 1967 season and that was one of my great years with the Red Sox."

Few people remember who coined the term "Pudge's Pole" to describe the left-field foul pole in Fenway Park. But all serious Red Sox fans know that Mel named the right-field foul pole as "Pesky's Pole." Parnell chuckles at the memory. "I think it was maybe in 1948 that John curled a home run right around the pole. It must have

gone all of 310 feet. We were giving it to him pretty good in the dugout. I said, 'John, you wrapped it right around that pole of yours.' Twenty years later when I was doing the color for the Red Sox telecasts, someone hit a home run down the line in right field, and I said, 'We used to call that Pesky's Pole.' The fans just

picked it up. It stuck," Parnell laughs.

RED SOX HALL OF FAME

Mel Parnell was honored with induction into the Boston Red Sox Hall of Fame in 1997. Mel Parnell's 123 victories give him the highest win total of any Red Sox left-handed pitcher. In addition, his 71-30 record at Fenway Park results in a winning percentage of .703, ranking him first among all left-handed pitchers with 25 or more decisions at Fenway. His last trip to Fenway Park was in 2001 as an honored guest at the celebration of the team's 100th anniversary.

Today Mel lives in his native New

Orleans with his wife Velma. They celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary last year. Their four children all chose careers in the health care field. Son Mel is an orthopedic surgeon, Barbara is a nutritionist, Sheryl is a nurse anesthetologist, and Patty is a critical care nurse.

Mel Parnell has battled serious illness during the past year. After extensive treatment he is optimistic. "I'm hoping I've got one more win," Parnell declares.

All Red Sox fans, whether they had the pleasure of watching him in action, or have only read about his accomplishments, are rooting for one more victory for Marvelous Mel Parnell. ■

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Watch for the May edition of *RED SOX Magazine* for *ADOPTED SONS OF NEW ENGLAND'S TEAM*, featuring former Red Sox manager Don Zimmer.



Mel returned to Boston in September 1997 when he was inducted into the Red Sox Hall of Fame. During the induction ceremonies he was asked about his Red Sox memories by two of his former broadcasting partners, Curt Gowdy and Ken Coleman.

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Opening Week: Salute to the Jimmy Fund

April 19

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April 20

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Opening Week: Patriots Day

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May 17

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June 15

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CaP Cure Day**

June 29

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Post Game, Separate Admission

July 19

Red Sox Wives Food Drive

July 20

Red Sox Wives Food Drive

July 27

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Sept. 14

Salute To Maine Day

Sept. 15

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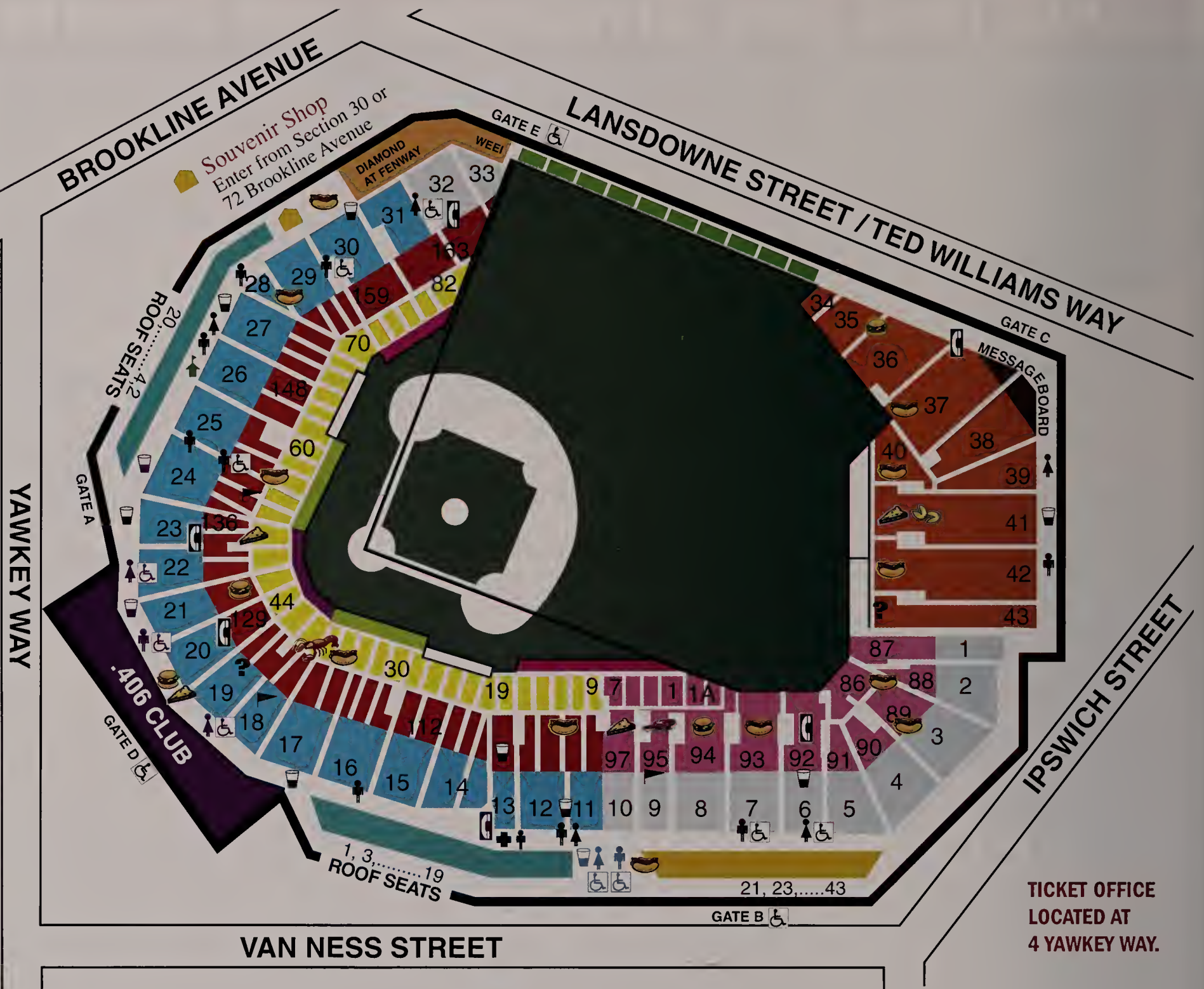
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FENWAY PARK CODE OF CONDUCT

Welcome to Friendly Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox. To preserve the family atmosphere and to ensure that your visit is safe, enjoyable, and memorable, please adhere to the following guidelines of behavior in the ballpark.

1. The following items are prohibited: no items other than small purses, which are subject to search; beach balls or inflatable objects of any kind; alcoholic beverages; bottles; cans or containers of any sort; and offensive articles or objects. No banners will be allowed into the ballpark to be hung or paraded.
2. Any person observed with offensive articles, or using offensive language, will be promptly ejected from the park. Disorderly behavior of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in appropriate action by the Boston Police.
3. Fans are permitted to keep foul balls hit into the stands as souvenirs. However, fans must not go onto the field or interfere in any way with a ball in play. Fans interfering with play or entering onto the field will be subject to immediate ejection, arrest, and prosecution.
4. **All of Fenway Park is smoke-free.** There are designated non-alcohol sections: Grandstand Sections 32 and 33. These sections have been set aside, and no alcoholic beverages and/or smoking will be allowed in these areas. Red Sox Security will strictly enforce this prohibition.
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8. Persons occupying a seat for which they are not ticketed will be subject to ejection from the ballpark.

The Boston Red Sox make every effort to ensure that all fans are able to enjoy the game in comfort. For the convenience of our fans, Ushers and Security are posted throughout the ballpark. In addition, Customer Service Booths are located on the main concourse behind home plate and in the Bleachers. Any fan in need of assistance of any kind is urged to visit Customer Service where trained staff people are ready to assist.

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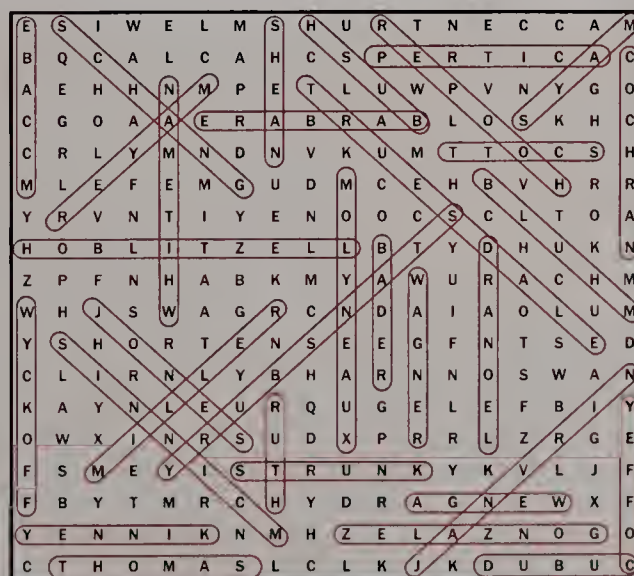
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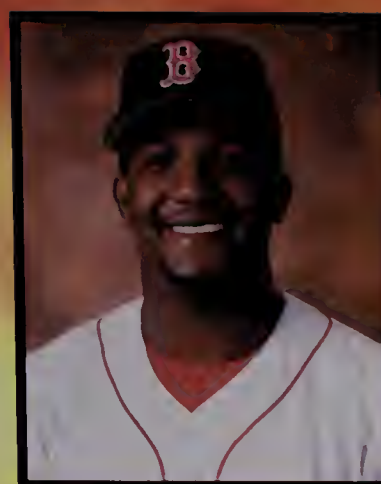
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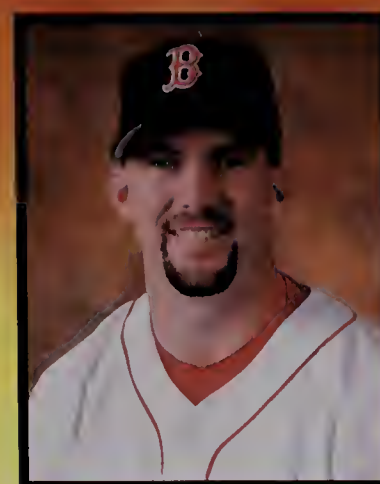
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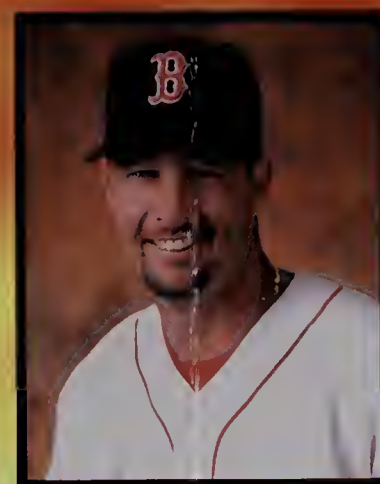
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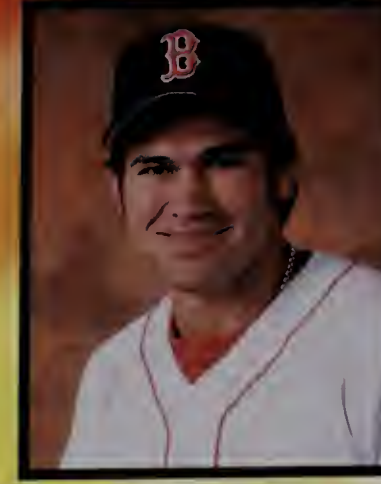
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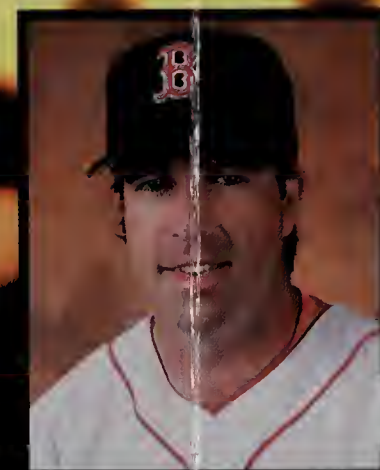
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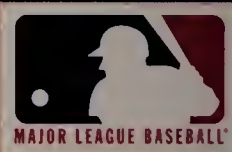


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